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of the Courts by which it is enforced, and the procedure by which those Courts are regulated. I have, throughout the whole work, adopted the same plan as in my former Summaries, and have, in each case, cited the authorities from whence my information is derived.

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THE SOURCES FROM WHICH THE ECCLESIASTICAL LAW IS DERIVED.

ECCLESIASTICAL LAW, or the body of rules and principles Four elements administered and enforced in the Ecclesiastical Courts, is of Ecclesiastical Courts, is cal Law. composed of four main elements—viz., the Civil Law, the Canon Law, the Common Law, and the Statute Law (a).

By the Civil Law is meant the Civil or Municipal Law The Civil of the Roman Empire, as comprised in the Institutes, the Code, and the Digest of the Emperor Justinian, and the Novel Constitutions of himself and his successors (b).

The Canon Law is a body of Roman Ecclesiastical Law The Canon founded on the Civil Law. It is composed of three parts—the Foreign Canon Law, the Legatine Constitutions, and the Provincial Constitutions.

The Foreign Canon Law consists of the opinions of the The Foreign Canon Law.

- (a) Burn's Ecclesiastical Law, 9th ed. p. xi. In Brice's Public Worship and Blunt's Book of Church Law the Civil Law is included in the Canon Law.
- (b) Williams's Laws of the Clergy, p. 1; Steph. Com. 13th ed. vol. i. p. 16.

ancient Latin Fathers, the decrees of the General Councils, and the decretal epistles and bulls published from time to time by the various Popes.

Has of itself no binding effect in England. This Foreign Canon Law has of itself no binding effect on the English Ecclesiastical Courts, except so far as it is sanctioned by the Common Law. The Common Law manifested considerable aversion to the general Canon Law, "but it has always been the doctrine of the Temporal and Ecclesiastical Courts since the Reformation, that the constitutions contained in Lyndewood (c) and the general usages of the Church, and certain portions of the Canon Law admitted by those usages, are still binding upon the Church of the realm" (d).

The Legatine Constitutions.

The Legatine Constitutions were Ecclesiastical Laws enacted in national synods, held under the Cardinals Otho and Othobon, legates from Pope Gregory the Ninth and Pope Clement the Fourth, in the reign of King Henry III., about the years 1220 and 1268 (e).

The Provincial Constitutions.

The Provincial Constitutions are principally decrees of provincial synods, held under divers Archbishops of Canterbury, from Stephen Langton, in the reign of Henry III., to Henry Chichele, in the reign of Henry V., and adopted also by the province of York in the reign of Henry VI.

- (c) An eminent canonist and statesman who wrote in the reigns of Henry V. and VI.
- (d) Sir Robert Phillimore in *Martin* v. *Mackonochie*, L. R. 2 A. & E. 116, 153. See also Lord Hardwicke in *Middleton* v. *Crofts*, Str. Rep. 1056, 2 Atkyns' Rep. 650.
  - (e) Steph. Com. 13th ed. vol. i. p. 18.

A review of the Canon Law was directed on the Authority of Reformation, in the reign of Henry VIII., and it was depends on enacted by 25 Hen. VIII. c. 19, that, until such review VIII. c. 19. should be made, all canons, constitutions, ordinances, and synods provincial, being then already made, and not repugnant to the law of the land or the King's prerogative, should still be used and executed (f). No such review has yet been completed, and consequently the authority of the Canon Law depends upon this statute, the effect of which is: that all canons made prior to the statute, which are not contrary to the Common Law, Statute Law, or the royal prerogative, bind both the clergy and the laity (g), but that canons made since that period bind the clergy, but are not binding on the laity (h), except in those cases in which they hold ecclesiastical offices (i).

Certain canons which were enacted by the clergy in The Canons Convocation (k) in 1603 and sanctioned by the Charter

- (f) 25 Hen. VIII. c. 19, s. 7.
- (g) As to distinction between clerics and laity, see post, chapter on Clergy and Laity.
  - (h) Steph. Com. 13th ed. vol. i. p. 19.
  - (i) Burn's Ecclesiastical Law, 9th ed. p. xxx.
- (k) Convocation is an assembly of the clergy called by the archbishop of the province. It consists of two distinct Houses—viz., the Upper House, in which the archbishop and bishops of the province sit, and the Lower House, which is composed of the deans, archdeacons, and proctors, representing the chapters and parochial clergy. Each chapter sends one proctor or representative; and the beneficed clergy in each diocese in Canterbury two proctors; but, on account of the small number of dioceses in the province of York, the beneficed clergy in each archdeaconry of that province elect two proctors. By special licence from the

by Parliament, bind the laity.

Not confirmed of James I., as they were never confirmed by Parliament, and so do not have been held not to bind the laity, except so far as they are merely declaratory of the ancient Common Law (1). It is uncertain how far these canons are obligatory upon the clergy, but it seems generally understood that they are binding on them (m).

The Common Law. tical Common Law:

The Common Law is the common municipal law or The Ecclesias - rule of justice throughout the kingdom; but besides the Common Law of England, which governs the Ecclesiastical as well as all other Courts in the kingdom, there is a Common Law (jus commune ecclesiasticum) peculiar to the Church of England, which runs by the side of the Statute Law, and assists in its constructions (n). "Generally the existence of this jus non scriptum is ascertained by reports of adjudged cases, but it may be proved by other means; for instance, it may be proved by public notoriety, or be deducible from principle and analogy, or be shown by legislative recognitions" (o). When

how proved.

Sovereign, Convocation may legislate by making canons; but except in one instance, in the year 1861, it has long ceased to exercise any legislative power. A separate Convocation is held for each province: Steph. Com. 13th ed. vol. ii. p. 458. Anciently the lower clergy sat in the same house with the bishops; and in the province of York, the bishops and other clergy still sit together in the same house: Burn's Ecclesiastical Law, 9th ed. vol. ii. p. 25, tit. "Convocation."

- (1) Middleton v. Croft, Str. Rep. 1056, 2 Atkyns' Rep. 650; Bishop of Exeter v. Marshall, 3 H. L. 17.
  - (m) Burn's Ecclesiastical Law, 9th ed. vol. i. p. xxx.
- (n) Sir Robert Phillimore in Martin v. Mackonochie, L. R. 2 A. & E. 195, 196.
  - (o) Sir John Nicholl in Wilson v. M'Math, 3 Phill. pp. 78, 79.

proved, the Ecclesiastical Common Law has the same force in the administration of ecclesiastical matters as the Common Law proper.

The greater part of ecclesiastical legislation since the The Statute Acts of Submission, 1534 (p), has been embodied in Acts of Parliament (q). The Book of Common Prayer is Book of Comenforced by, and embodied in, the Act of Uniformity and Thirtyof 1662 (r), and the Thirty-nine Articles are in effect, enforced by although not expressly, embodied in Acts (s) requiring all ment. ecclesiastical persons to declare their assent to them, and awarding penalties for maintaining doctrines contrary to the Articles.

nine Articles Act of Parlia-

The Canons of 1603 are not sanctioned by any statute. Canons of In cases where the various elements of the Ecclesiastical Order in Law come in conflict with each other, the Civil Law various submits to the Canon Law, both of them to the Common Ecclesiastical Law, and all three to the Statute Law (t).

which the elements of Law rank.

- (p) 25 Hen. VIII. c. 19.
- (q) Blunt's Book of Church Law, 8th ed. p. 24.
- (r) 13 & 14 Car. II. c. 4.
- (s) 13 Eliz. c. 12, and 28 & 29 Vict. c. 122.
- (t) Burn's Ecclesiastical Law, 9th ed. vol. i. p. xi.

#### ECCLESIASTICAL DIVISIONS OF ENGLAND.

Ecclesiastical provinces and divisions.

England, for ecclesiastical purposes, is divided into the two provinces of the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, and these provinces are again sub-divided into the dioceses of the respective bishops of the Established Church.

Provinces of Canterbury and York bishoprics included in. The Archbishopric of Canterbury includes all the bishoprics except those of Chester, Durham, Carlisle, Ripon, Manchester, and Sodor and Man, these latter being included in the Archbishopric of York (u).

Number of bishoprics.

The number of bishoprics was until recently 19 for the province of Canterbury and 6 for the province of York. The following new bishoprics have, however, been created:—St. Albans, by the Bishopric of St. Albans Act, 1875 (38 & 39 Vict. c. 34), and Truro, by the Bishopric of Truro Act, 1876 (39 & 40 Vict. c. 54) (x), both of which are comprised in the Archbishopric of

<sup>(</sup>u) Formerly there was an Archbishopric of Caerleon, in Wales, but that see and the whole of Wales were made subject to the Archbishops of Canterbury in the reign of Henry I.; Steph. Com. 13th ed. vol. ii. p. 584.

<sup>(</sup>x) See also 41 & 42 Vict. c. 44.

Canterbury. The Bishopric of Manchester was created in 1847 by the Bishopric of Manchester Act (10 & 11 By the Bishopries Act, 1878 (z), Viet. c. 108) (y). provision is made for the endowment of four new Bishoprics of Liverpool, Newcastle (a), Southwell, and Wakefield. The Act provides for contributions by the Bishopric of Chester to the endowment of Liverpool, by the Bishopric of Durham to the endowment of Newcastle, by the Bishoprics of Lincoln and Lichfield to Southwell, and by the Bishopric of Ripon to Wakefield.

The Sees of Gloucester and Bristol were united by an Bishoprics of Order in Council made in pursuance of 6 & 7 Will. IV. and Bristol. c. 77. They were disunited again and the Bishop of Bristol reconstituted as a separate bishopric, with a diocese and cathedral church, in 1884, by 47 & 48 Vict. c. 66.

Each of the archbishops and the Bishops of London, Lords Durham, and Winchester, and twenty-one other bishops, have, in right of their sees, a seat in the House of Lords. The Bishop of Sodor and Man is in no case a lord spiritual, and has no seat in the House of Lords. The number of lords spiritual sitting and voting in the House of Lords is not to be increased by the creation of new bishoprics.

- (y) See also 41 & 42 Vict. c. 68, s. 11; 13 & 14 Vict. c. 41; and 31 & 32 Vict. c. 114, s. 15.
  - (z) 41 & 42 Vict. c. 68.
- (a) The stat. 47 & 48 Vict. c. 33, provides for the foundation of a Dean and Chapter for the Bishopric of Newcastle, and for the transfer to the cathedral church of Newcastle of one of the canonries in the cathedral church of Durham, and for the transfer of certain ecclesiastical patronage to the Bishopric and Chapter of Newcastle.

When any vacancy amongst the lords spiritual occurs through the avoidance of the Sees of Canterbury, York, London, Durham, or Winchester, the new bishop appointed to that see takes the seat; but, when any vacancy occurs through the avoidance of any of the other sees, the bishop who has been longest bishop of a see without a seat in the House of Lords supplies the vacancy (b).

Divisions of dioceses.

The dioceses of the bishops are again sub-divided into archdeaconries. There exists in each of these divisions a Court for the trial of all ecclesiastical causes which arise within its local bounds. It is usually discretionary with the suitor whether he will commence proceedings before the archdeacon or the bishop (c). Appeals (except from peculiars) (d) lie from the Archdeacon's Court to the Bishop's Court, from the Bishop's Court to the archbishop of the province, and from the archbishop to the Privy Council.

Appeals.

Archdeaconries are sub-divided into rural deaneries, and the rural deaneries again into parishes (e).

Contiguous benefices may be united by the archbishop of the province, with the consent, in writing, of the patrons, where the aggregate population does not exceed

- (b) 10 & 11 Viet. c. 108; 38 & 39 Viet. c. 34; and 41 & 42 Viet. c. 68.
- (c) The greater part of the offences by clergymen come under the Church Discipline Act, the Clergy Discipline Act, 1892, or the Public Worship Regulation Act, under each of which Acts there is a special course of procedure before the bishop, as to which see post, chapters on these Acts.
  - (d) As to peculiars, see post, next chapter.
  - (e) As to rural deans, see post, chapter on Clergy and Laity.

1,500 persons, and the aggregate yearly value does not exceed £500 (f). Where two benefices are so united, the bishop of the diocese may, upon the application, in writing, of the incumbent and patron or patrons of the benefice, and with the consent of two-thirds of the parishioners of the united benefices, in vestry, constitute the parish church of one benefice the parish church of both, and pull down the parish church of the other or leave it standing as a chapel of ease (g).

In McBean v. Deane (h), where a union of benefices had been made, and certain annuities granted to the retiring incumbent and his assigns out of the annual income of the united benefices, and made a first charge thereon during the joint lives of himself and the incoming incumbent of the united benefice so long as the latter should perform the duties of his office, it was held that such annuities were not a benefice with cure within 13 Eliz. c. 20, and accordingly could be validly mortgaged by the retiring incumbent.

<sup>(</sup>f) 1 & 2 Vict. c. 106, s. 16. See also 13 & 14 Vict. c. 98, and 23 & 24 Vict. c. 142.

<sup>(</sup>g) 34 & 35 Vict. c. 90.

<sup>(</sup>h) 30 Ch. D. 520.

#### COURTS HAVING ECCLESIASTICAL JURISDICTION.

Courts.

Ecclesiastical The ordinary Ecclesiastical Courts are:—

- 1. The Court of the Primates, or Provincial Courts.
- 2. The Diocesan Courts.
- 3. The Courts of the Archdeacons (i).

The Provincial Courts.

The Provincial Courts in the province of Canterbury are the Court of Arches and the Court of Peculiars: and in the province of York, the Chancery Court. The Provincial Courts of the Archbishop of Canterbury and York are independent of each other, the process of one province not running into the other, but being sent by a requisition to the local authority for execution. The appeal from the Provincial Courts lies to the Privy Council (j).

Appeals from Provincial Courts.

Court of Arches.

The Court of Arches exercises a general appellate jurisdiction from each of the Diocesan and most of the Peculiar Courts within the province of Canterbury. It also takes original cognizance of causes which properly belong to inferior Courts within the province, but in

<sup>(</sup>i) See Report by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, dated the 15th of February 1832; Phillimore's Ecclesiastical Law, 2nd ed. 922. The jurisdiction of the peculiars (as to which see post, p. 14), once nearly 300 in number, is practically abolished (see 3 & 4 Vict. c. 86; 6 & 7 Will. IV. c. 77, s. 10; 3 & 4 Vict. c. 86; 10 & 11 Vict. c. 98; 13 & 14 Vict. c. 94, s. 24); Phillimore's Ecclesiastical Law, 2nd ed. 215; and the Court of Audience has fallen into disuse.

<sup>(</sup>j) 2 & 3 Will. IV. c. 92, s. 3.

respect of which the inferior judge has waived his jurisdiction by letters of request (k).

In fact, in any case where a Diocesan Court within the Letters of province of Canterbury has jurisdiction over the parties application may be made to the judge of such Court for letters of request. If the judge of the inferior Court consents to the application, he signs the letters, which are then accepted by the judge of the Court of Arches, and upon this a decree issues from the Arches Court requiring the defendant to appear there (1). It is usual to allow letters of request, except in matters of minor importance.

The judge of this Court was the Official Principal of Judge of the the Arches Court, and was commonly known as the Dean Principal." of Arches. The two offices of Official Principal and Dean of Arches were, however, totally distinct, although they had long been united in the same person. The Official Principal was, strictly speaking, the representative of the Archbishop of Canterbury and the judge in ordinary ecclesiastical matters. The Dean of Arches was the judge Dean of of the Peculiars and other places exempt from the ordinary jurisdiction of the bishop, but subject to the archbishop (m). A suggestion was contained in the Public Asingle judge now appointed Worship Regulation Act, 1874 (n), that the Archbishops as judge of all the Provincial

Courts.

(k) Report of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, dated 15th February 1832, p. 11; Steph. Com. 7th ed. vol. iii. p. 306.

<sup>(1)</sup> Burn's Ecclesiastical Law, 9th ed. vol. iii. p. 225, tit. "Practice."

<sup>(</sup>m) Brice's Public Worship, p. 393.

<sup>(</sup>n) 37 & 38 Vict. c. 85, s. 7.

of Canterbury and York should together appoint a single judge, who should be judge of both the Provincial Courts of Canterbury and York. And, pursuant to this suggestion, Lord Penzance has been appointed judge of the two Courts, and to him as judge of the Provincial Courts all appeals from the inferior Courts will lie.

The Court of Peculiars. The Court of Peculiars is a branch of the Court of Arches, to which it is annexed. It has jurisdiction over all those parishes which, dispersed through the province of Canterbury or the various dioceses, are exempt from the bishop's jurisdiction and subject to the archbishop's only (o).

Judge of the Court of Peculiars. The judge of this Court was formerly the Dean of Arches (p), and appeals lay from his decisions to the Privy Council (q). The present judge of the Court, as has been before pointed out, is Lord Penzance, the judge appointed under the provisions of the Public Worship Regulation Act (r).

The Chancery Court.

The Chancery Court occupies the same position in the province of York as the Court of Arches in the province of Canterbury, and is a general Court of Appeal for the Diocesan Courts of that province. The judge was called the "official principal or auditor," and was appointed by the archbishop, and is now the judge appointed by the two archbishops jointly under the Public Worship Regu-

<sup>(</sup>o) Steph. Com. 13th ed. vol. iii. p. 346.

<sup>(</sup>p) Brice's Public Worship, p. 393.

<sup>(</sup>q) 2 & 3 Will. IV. c. 92, s. 3.

<sup>(</sup>r) 37 & 38 Vict. c. 85.

lation Act (s). All appeals from the Arches Court, Court of Peculiars, and Chancery Court lie to the Privy Council (t).

The Diocesan or Consistory Courts take cognizance of Diocesan or all matters arising locally within their respective limits, Courts. except such places as are subject to peculiar jurisdiction. They administer generally all branches of Ecclesiastical Law(u).

The judge is the bishop's chancellor, or his commis- Judge of Consary (v), from whom an appeal lies to the Provincial Court of the archbishops (x).

sistory Court.

The Archdeacon's Court is generally subordinate to the The Bishop's Court, and appeals from it lie to that Court (y); Court. but when the archdeacon has a peculiar it is independent of and co-ordinate with the Bishop's Court (z), in which case the appeal is to the archbishop (a). The jurisdiction Jurisdiction of this Court usually comprises all ecclesiastical causes prises all arising within the archdeaconry, but the authority of the arch-

deaconry.

- (s) 37 & 38 Vict. c. 85.
- (t) 2 & 3 Will. IV. c. 92, s. 3.
- (u) Burn's Ecclesiastical Law, 9th ed. vol. ii. p. 30, f. tit. "Courts."
- (v) The commissary is an officer who exercises spiritual jurisdiction in those parts of the diocese which are too far distant from the chief city for the chancellor to call the people to the Bishop's principal Court without occasioning them great inconvenience. He acts generally in relief of the bishop or archbishop, and as his officer: Brown's Law Dictionary, tit. "Commissary."
  - (x) 24 Hen. VIII. c. 12; Steph. Com. 13th ed. vol. iii. p. 345.
  - (y) 24 Hen. VIII. c. 12.
- (z) Burn's Ecclesiastical Law, 9th ed. vol. ii. p. 30, f. tit. "Courts."
  - (a) Ibid. vol. i. pp. 97a-97b, tit. "Archdeacon."

Judge.

some of them is limited to a part only of the matters. usually the subject of ecclesiastical cognisance (b). The judge of the Archdeacon's Court is appointed by the archdeacon and called his official (c).

Peculiars.

Before dismissing the subject of Courts, attention must be drawn to the now almost obsolete Courts of Peculiars, once nearly 300 in number, but now practically abolished by recent legislation.

of peculiars.

A "peculiar," in the ecclesiastical sense of the term, is a district exempt from the jurisdiction of the ordinary of Various kinds the diocese. They are of several kinds:—Royal peculiars; peculiars belonging to the archbishops, bishops, deans, deans and chapters, archdeacons, prebendaries, and canons, and even to rectors and vicars. They are called exempt jurisdictions, not because they are under no ordinary, but because they are not under the ordinary of the diocese, but have one of their own (d).

Jurisdiction of peculiars.

The jurisdiction exercised in these different Courts was not defined by any general law. And it was often extremely difficult to ascertain over what description of causes the jurisdiction of any particular Court operated (e). The peculiars have, however, been deprived of their chief power by recent Acts. By the Church Discipline Act (f),

- (b) Report of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, 15th Feb. 1832.
- (c) Burn's Ecclesiastical Law, 9th ed. vol. i. p. 97, tit. "Archdeacon"; Steph. Com. 13th ed. vol. iii. p. 345.
  - (d) Burn's Ecclesiastical Law, 9th ed. vol. iii. pp. 91-94.
  - (e) Report of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, 15th Feb. 1832.
  - (f) 3 & 4 Vict. c. 86, s. 22.

and the Clergy Discipline Act (g), the archbishop or bishop within whose province or diocese any peculiar is locally situate, has jurisdiction over it, for all purposes of that Act, unless such peculiar already belongs to an archbishop or bishop, in which case the jurisdiction is reserved to the latter.

The Ecclesiastical Commissioners are also empowered by various statutes to frame schemes for the abolition of peculiars (h).

Generally the bishop either acting personally or through Who is the his chancellor is the ordinary, but the holder of a peculiar may be the ordinary for the peculiar—e.g., in Parham v. Templar (i), the Dean and Chapter of Exeter Cathedral were held to have co-ordinate jurisdiction with the bishop, and to be entitled to put up an ornament in the cathedral without his faculty.

"Ordinary."

The term ordinary is nowhere fully defined in any of Meaning of the writers on Ecclesiastical Law. Lord Coke says (k) "Ordinary." "Ordinarius, and so he is called in 'Ecclesiastical,' quia habet ordinarium jurisdictionem in jure proprio, et non per deputationem. The name we have anciently taken from the canonists, and doe apply it only to a bishop, or any other that hath ordinary jurisdiction in causes ecclesiastical."

<sup>(</sup>g) 55 & 56 Viet. c. 32, s. 10.

<sup>(</sup>h) See 6 & 7 Will. IV. c. 77, s. 10; 13 & 14 Vict. c. 76, and c. 94, s. 24.

<sup>(</sup>i) 3 Phill. 241, 247. See also Boyd v. Phillpotts, L. R. 4 Ad. & Eccl. 297; L. R. 6 P. C. 435. See also Brice's Public Worship, p. 301.

<sup>(</sup>k) First Institutes, 96a.

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#### FACULTIES.

Faculties.

A faculty is a dispensation, licence, or permission, proceeding from a competent authority, allowing the doing of some act which would be otherwise illegal, or confirming some act done without the needful authority.

Ordinary purposes for which faculties are granted. The chief purposes for which faculties are granted are for alterations in the church or churchyard, ordinary instances being for the pulling down or rebuilding, altering or repairing of a church, adding to or altering the ornaments or monuments in it, appropriating pews, putting up bells or organs, making, opening, or appropriating vaults, erecting or altering gravestones, or removing bodies buried in consecrated soil (1). In which latter case the Court usually inserts provisions providing so far as it reasonably can for the wishes of the relatives of the deceased—e.g., exempting from the operation of the faculty ancient family vaults (m), and allowing remains to be removed to consecrated burial grounds selected by the relatives (n).

<sup>(1)</sup> Brice's Public Worship, pp. 312-319.

<sup>(</sup>m) Rector, &c., of St. Helen's, Bishopsgate, &c. v. Parishioners,[1892] P. 259.

<sup>(</sup>n) Rector, &c., of St. Mary-at-Hill v. Parishioners, [1892] P. 394; Rector, &c., of St. Michael Bassishaw v. Parishioners, [1893] P. 233.

In the case of the Holy Trinity Church, Stroud Green (o), the Court granted a faculty for the erection of a communion table in a side chapel of a church, the church already having a communion table in the usual position. The grounds for the erection of this second communion table were, that the use of the side chapel for the celebration of the Holy Communion would cause a saving of expense and be more convenient. And in the case of St. Agnes, Toxteth Park (p), a faculty for chancel gates was granted, it being shewn that the chancel, from its richness, required protection (q).

The Consistory Court of London has refused a faculty to remove a body merely for the purpose of cremating it (r).

A pew may be annexed to a dwelling house in the parish by a faculty, and the grant of a faculty may be presumed from a long exclusive possession and repair of the pew (s).

Cathedrals are exempt from the general rule that any alterations in the church requires a faculty, and the dean

<sup>(</sup>o) 12 P. D. 199. See also the case of St. Anne's, Limehouse v. Parishioners, [1901] P. 73.

<sup>(</sup>p) 11 P. D. 1.

<sup>(</sup>q) For instances of faculties for gates to a chancel screen see St. James, Norland (Vicar, &c.) v. The Parishioners of same, [1894] P. 256, and St. Andrew's, Romford (Rector, &c.) v. All Persons having interest, [1894] P. 220.

<sup>(</sup>r) In the matter of Lieut.-Col. Dixon, [1892] P. 386.

<sup>(</sup>s) See Stocks v. Booth, 1 T. R. 428; Phillips v. Halliday, [1891] A. C. 228. But see also Proud v. Price and others, Times L. R. 1892-3, vol. ix. p. 411; 1893-4, vol. x. p. 21; and Stileman-Gibbard v. Wilkinson, [1897] 1 Q. B. 749.

and chapter may make an alteration in the cathedral without the previous consent of the bishop (t).

Granting of a faculty is a matter of discretion.

Where the grant or refusal of a faculty is merely a matter for the discretion of the ordinary, the faculty ought not to be granted, unless it be proved to the satisfaction of the ordinary that if the proposed alterations are carried out the church will be thereby rendered more convenient, more fit for the accommodation of the parishioners who worship there, more suitable, more appropriate, or more adequate to its purposes; or that there exists either on the part of the parishioners generally, or of the parishioners actually attending the church, a general desire in favour of the faculty being granted (u).

In the case of Nickalls v. Briscoe(v), it was held by the Consistory Court of Rochester (x), that in a contested case of faculty, memorials signed by parishioners, asking that the faculty prayed for be granted, are inadmissible as evidence, the proper way (the chancellor intimated) of proving the opinion of the parish being by proof of a resolution of the vestry.

Faculties can only be issued with respect to consecrated places. The Ecclesiastical Courts should only issue faculties with respect to matters parcel of, or appertaining to,

- (t) Boyd v. Phillpotts, L. R. 4 Ad. & Eccl. 297, affirmed on app. Phillpotts v. Boyd, L. R. 6 P. C. 435.
  - (u) Peek v. Thrower, 7 P. D. 21.
  - (v) [1892] P. 269.
- (x) L. T. Dibden, K.C., Chancellor. But such memorials were admitted in the case of *The Vicar of Tetbury* v. *The Churchwardens*, &c., of *Tetbury*, [1892] P. 271, n. 2.

consecrated places. For instance, on the application for the appropriation of a vault, the only access to which was from unconsecrated ground, the Privy Council allowed the grant to issue only on the condition that the grantee should appropriate and consent to the consecration of a sufficient piece of ground near the opening of the vault so as to make the opening in consecrated ground (y).

Faculties cannot be granted to turn to secular purposes Cannot be things which have been consecrated—e.g., to convert a turn consepart of a churchyard into a highway (z)—although the to secular application be made with the consent of all persons interested.

crated things

Nor can a faculty be granted authorizing the erection of an unlawful ornament—e.g., a baldacchino (a).

On an application for a faculty to sanction the appro- Faculty to priation of a portion of a churchyard, closed for burials making of a by an Order in Council, for a public garden the Court into a public authorized the construction of footpaths for the convenience of parishioners, the taking down of high walls, and the erection of gates so as to give access to the

authorize the churchyard

- (y) Rugg v. Kingsmill, L. R. 2 P. C. 59, 67.
- (z) Rector, &c. of St. John's Walbrook v. Parishioners, 2 Rob. Eccl. Rep. 515; 16 Jur. 645. See also Harper v. Forbes, 5 Jur. (N. S.) 275, and Reg. v. Twiss, 4 Q. B. 407. This can, of course, be done where an Act of Parliament authorizes such an alteration. For an instance of this, see Vicar, &c. of St. Botolph Without v. Parishioners, &c., [1892] P. 161.
  - (a) White v. Bowron, L. R. 4 A. & E. 207.

churchyard (b). Faculties have also been granted allowing disused burial grounds to be used for purposes of electric lighting (c).

Vaults in disused churchyards.

The rule of the Consistory Court of London in such a case is, where a private vault is in good repair, not to interfere with it without the consent of the family; but where it is in a dilapidated condition, unless the family come forward to repair it, to order it to be levelled with the ground and filled up, taking care that all memorial slabs belonging to it on which inscriptions are legible be carefully preserved in the churchyard, and placed as near the vault as convenience will permit (d).

The granting of faculties is in the discretion of the ordinary.

When once granted they are irrevocable and can only be revoked on appeal.

The fabric and furniture of the church

The granting or withholding of a faculty is left to the discretion of the ordinary; but this must be a sound discretion. Once made, a faculty is irrevocable, even by the ordinary himself (e). If, however, it have been fraudulently or surreptitiously obtained, it may be revoked on appeal to a Superior Court (f). No person is allowed to deal with the fabric or furniture or ornaments (g) of a church except under the authority of a

- (b) In re the Rector and Churchwardens of St. George's-in-the-East, 1 P. D. 311. See also In re Bettison, L. R. 4 A. & E. 294.
- (c) In re St. Nicholas Cole Abbey; In re St. Benet Fink Church-yard, [1893] P. 58.
- (d) See Vicar, &c. of St. Botolph Without, Aldgate v. Parishioners, [1892] P. 173.
  - (e) Fuller v. Lane, 2 Add. 431.
- (f) Butt v. Jones, 2 Hagg. Eccl. 426; Rugg v. Kingsmill, L. R. 2 P. C. 59.
  - (g) Vincent v. Tomlinson, [1897] P. 1.

faculty. And this is so even if unlawful ornaments have can only be been introduced surreptitiously into the church, and under the although the persons removing them have acted in the faculty. interest of peace and quietness (h). If the ornaments although have de facto been attached to the sacred edifice, they can unlawful ornaments only be taken away under the sanction of the proper introduced. ecclesiastical authority (i).

<sup>(</sup>h) Deudney v. Good and Ford, 7 Jur. (N. S.) 637; Cardinall v. Molyneux, De G. F. & J. 117; 7 Jur. (N. S.) 605; Ritchings v. Cordingley, L. R. 3 A. & E. 113.

<sup>(</sup>i) Brice's Public Worship, p. 314.



# PART II.

CLERGY AND LAITY.

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## CLERGY AND LAITY.

THE Church of England consists of two classes—the clergy and laity. The clergy consists of such, and such Clergy. only, as have been admitted into *holy orders*; which are Holy orders. the order of bishops (including archbishops), priests, and deacons (a).

The term "laity" includes all persons not in holy Laity. orders. It is, however, sometimes applied in a more limited sense to those inhabitants of England and Wales who have not by any overt act declared their dissent from the communion of the Church, and in a still more contracted sense it is sometimes confined to those who receive the Holy Communion "at least thrice in the year (whereof the feast of Easter to be one), according as they are appointed by the Book of Common Prayer" (b).

No one can be ordained a deacon (except by faculty or Priests and dispensation granted by the Archbishop of Canterbury) (c)

- (a) Steph. Com. 13th ed. vol. ii. p. 579.
- (b) Blunt's Book of Church Law, 9th ed. p. 2; Can. 21.
- (c) Phillimore's Ecclesiastical Law, 2nd ed. p. 95; Preface to Form of Ordination. The office of deacon, although at present used only as a step to the priesthood, was in the times of the Primitive Church a separate and distinct office, which the deacon held in many cases without ultimately becoming a priest. It appears to be an open question whether the office of a deacon could in the Early Church be held by a person exercising a secular

Age.

until he has attained the age of twenty-three years, or a priest until he has attained the age of twenty-four years (d). No dispensation as regards age can be made in the case of a priest (e).

Declaration on ordination.

Before ordination the priest or deacon must make and subscribe a declaration of assent to the Thirty-nine Articles, the Book of Common Prayer, and the Ordination Service. The form of the declaration prescribed also includes an assertion of belief that the doctrine of the Church, as set forth in the Thirty-nine Articles and Book of Common Prayer, is agreeable to the Word of God, and a declaration that in public prayer, and administration of the sacraments, he will use the form in the said book prescribed and none other, except so far as ordered by lawful authority (f).

Oaths on ordination.

The candidate must also prior to ordination take an oath of allegiance to the King (g) (this oath may be dispensed with in the case of an alien ordained to exercise the office of deacon or priest out of the dominions of the Crown) (h), and an oath of canonical obedience to the bishops (i).

calling. At the present time a deacon is prevented from following any secular calling by the statutes 1 & 2 Vict. c. 106, s. 27, and the 75 and 76 canons.

- (d)44 Geo. III. c. 43; 13 Eliz. c. 12; Can. 34.
- (e) Phillimore's Ecclesiastical Law, 2nd ed. p. 95; Gibs. 146.
- (f) 28 & 29 Viet. c. 122, ss. 1, 4.
- (g) 28 & 29 Vict. c. 122, s. 4. The form of oath is prescribed by 31 & 32 Vict. c. 72, ss. 2, 8.
  - (h) 24 Geo. III. c. 35.
  - (i) 28 & 29 Vict. c. 122, s. 12; 31 & 32 Vict. c. 72, s. 14.

By the Canon Law no person is to be admitted a priest Title. or deacon without a title—that is, unless he exhibits to the bishop a presentation of himself to some vacant ecclesiastical preferment in the diocese; or brings the bishop a certificate that he is provided with some church or minister's place, where he may execute his ministry, or unless he is a fellow or chaplain in some college in Cambridge or Oxford; or a master of arts of five years' standing, living in either of the Universities at his own charge; or unless he is shortly after to be admitted by the bishop to some benefice or curateship then void (k).

The clergy, by virtue of their office, have certain Privileges and privileges, and are subject to certain disabilities.

disabilities of the clergy.

Amongst their privileges are exemptions from serving Privileges. on juries, or filling any temporal office, such as bailiff, reeve, constable, or the like (l). A clergyman is also exempt from arrest on civil process whilst celebrating divine service, or going to, or returning from, such celebration. And the person executing such process is guilty of a misdemeanor and liable to imprisonment, with hard labour, for any term not exceeding two years (m). Ecclesiastical goods (which are any benefits attached to an ecclesiastical office—for instance, the glebe or tithes), cannot be seized in execution to satisfy a judgment, and the only remedy of the creditor is by a sequestration levied by the bishop of the diocese (n).

- (k) Can. 33.
- (1) Steph. Com. 13th ed. vol. ii. p. 581.
- (m) 24 & 25 Vict. c. 100, s. 36.
- (n) Steph. Com. 13th ed. vol. ii. p. 581; Phillimore's Ecclesias-

Disabilities.

Some of the disabilities to which the clergy are liable are that they cannot, whilst holding any ecclesiastical office, be elected members of the House of Commons (o), or councillors, or aldermen in boroughs (p), and they are also, with certain exceptions, prohibited from farming or trading (q).

Bankruptcy of an incumbent.

On the bankruptcy of a beneficed clergyman the trustee in his bankruptcy may apply for a sequestration of the profits of his benefice. The certificate of the appointment of the trustee is sufficient authority for the granting of the sequestration without any writ or other proceeding.

The bishop of the diocese in which the benefice is situate may, if he think fit, appoint to the bankrupt such or the like stipend as he may appoint to a curate duly licensed to serve the benefice in case the bankrupt had been non-resident. In such case the sequestrator pays to the bankrupt the sum so appointed out of the profits of the benefice to the bankrupt by quarterly instalments while he performs the duty of the office.

Curate's salary.

The sequestrator also pays out of the profits of the bene-

tical Law, 2nd ed. p. 1075. Sequestration is a process by which a sum due on a judgment recovered against a clergyman is directed to be levied by the churchwardens out of the profits of the benefice, for the use of the creditor, after making provision for the services of the church. As to process on sequestration, see *post*, chapter on Punishments. Sequestration, when an ecclesiastical punishment, takes precedence, though later in date, over one issued at the suit of a creditor.

- (o) 41 Geo. III. c. 63, s. 4.
- (p) 5 & 6 Will. IV. c. 76, s. 28.
- (q) 1 & 2 Vict. c. 106, ss. 28—30.

fice any curate's salary in respect of duties performed by such curate during four months before the date of the receiving order, not exceeding 50l. (r).

The discharge of the bankrupt will not discharge the sequestration if the debts provable in the bankruptcy remain unpaid (s).

In the case of incumbents presented or collated after the Benefice to 1st January, 1899 (the date of the commencement of the in certain Benefices Act, 1898), if on bankruptcy, or in aid of any sequestration. writ of execution against property, the benefit of such incumbent is sequestered within twelve months after his institution, or, if such sequestration, if issued after that period, continues for the space of one whole year; or if any such incumbent incurs two such sequestrations in the space of two years, the benefice shall, unless the bishop otherwise direct, become void (t).

A clergyman may farm the glebe, but by 1 & 2 Vict. May farm c. 106, cannot take to farm for occupation by himself any glebe but cannot take to land exceeding eighty acres in the whole for the purpose than 80 acres of occupying, or using, or cultivating the same, without licence. the permission, in writing, of the bishop of the diocese, and every such permission must specify the number of years, not exceeding seven, for which such permission is given. Every spiritual person infringing this provision of the Act incurs a penalty of 40s. per acre for every acre

<sup>(</sup>r) Bankruptey Act, 1883, s. 52.

<sup>(</sup>s) Re Lawrence, [1896] P. 244.

<sup>(</sup>t) The Benefices Act, 1898.

above eighty so taken, for each year of occupation (u). The section would not appear to prevent a elergyman from farming lands of which he was seised in fee simple, or fee tail, or in which he had acquired an estate for life otherwise than for the purpose of farming (v).

Cases in which a clergyman may trade.

The statute also specifies some cases in which a clergy-man may trade—viz., where the trading is carried on by more than six partners, or where a trade, or a share in a trade, has devolved upon him under or by virtue of any devise, bequest, inheritance, intestacy, settlement, marriage, bankruptcy, or insolvency, but in none of these cases is it lawful for the clergyman to act as a director, or managing partner, or to carry on such trade in person (w).

In addition to this he may keep a school or engage in

May engage in education, &c.

May be a manager or director in benefit, fire, or life assurance society.

Make sales of the produce of his lands, &c.

Not to carry on transactions of sale personally in any fair or market.

any way in giving education; deal with booksellers for the disposal of books; be a manager, director, partner, or shareholder in any benefit, or fire or life assurance society; make the necessary sales arising from his school or house-keeping or land which he lawfully occupies; or sell any minerals obtained from his own lands; but none of these transactions are to be done by him personally in any market, fair, or place of public sale (x). Where, however, a clergyman enters into a contract contrary to the above provisions, it may nevertheless be enforced against him (y). Any spiritual person trading or dealing contrary

Penalty for

- (u) 1 & 2 Vict. c. 106, s. 28.
- (v) Ibid. See general purport of the section.
- (w) 1 & 2 Vict. c. 106, s. 29. See also 4 & 5 Vict. c. 14.
- (x) 1 & 2 Vict. c. 106, s. 30.
- (y) Lewis v. Bright, 1 Ell. & Bl. 917.

to these provisions may for the first offence be suspended trading confor a term not exceeding one year, for a second offence he visions of stat. may be suspended for such time as the judge thinks fit, c. 106. and for a third offence be deprived ab officio et beneficio, and the patron or patrons may thereupon nominate to the benefice as if the person deprived were actually dead. The bishop during any such suspension is to sequester the profits of the office, and to apply the surplus, after deducting the necessary expenses, as nearly as possible in the manner directed on a monition for non-residence, except that no part of the profits is to be paid to the person suspended, or applied in satisfaction of a sequestration at the suit of a creditor (z).

It was provided by the Canon Law (a) that "No man Clerical being admitted a deacon or minister, shall from thence- Act, 1870. forth voluntarily relinquish the same, nor afterwards use himself in the course of his life as a layman, upon pain of excommunication." Although the canon in terms only applied to a deacon or minister, yet it was always understood to apply to all who have been ordained to holy orders (b). It is, however, now provided by the Clerical Disabilities Act, 1870 (c), "That any minister in the Church of England may be discharged from all disabilities and restraint he is under as a minister of that church "(d).

<sup>(</sup>z) 1 & 2 Viet. c. 106, s. 31.

<sup>(</sup>a) Can. 76.

<sup>(</sup>b) Blunt's Book of Church Law, 9th ed. p. 213.

<sup>(</sup>c) 33 & 34 Viet. c. 91.

<sup>(</sup>d) Ibid. ss. 3, 4

To obtain his discharge he must first resign any prefer-

Release how obtained; linquishment, enrolled in Chancery. of enrolment to the bishop.

by deed of re- ments held by him, and then execute a deed of relinquishment (e) which must be enrolled in the Chancery Division An office copy and an office copy of such enrolment must be given to must be given the bishop in whose diocese he last held a preferment, or if he has held no preferment, in whose diocese he is resident. Notice must also be given to the archbishop of the province. The bishop, six months after the office copy the bishop six of the enrolment has been delivered to him on the application of the minister, records the deed in the registry of the the enrolment. diocese and thereupon (but no sooner) the minister becomes incapable of acting as a minister of the Church of England, and is free from all disabilities arising from that office (f), but remains liable for any pecuniary liability (e.g., dilapidations) incurred by him (g).

The deed is recorded by months after delivery of office copy of

A clergyman ceases to be capable of acting as a minister of the Church of England.

> If during the six months the bishop has notice of proceedings pending against the clerk, the latter will not be discharged from the liabilities of his office until the proceedings have terminated (h).

> In a recent case where a clergyman executed a deed of relinquishment and enrolled it with a view of relinquishing his office, but did not take the further steps required by the Act, and subsequently altered his mind and abandoned his intention of relinquishing his office, it was held that the enrolment might be vacated (i).

- (e) A form of the deed of relinquishment is given in the schedule to the Act.
  - (f) 33 & 34 Vict. c. 91, ss. 3, 4.
  - (g) Ibid. s. 8.
  - (h) Ibid. s. 5.
  - (i) In re A Clergyman, 15 Eq. 154.

By the Incumbents' Resignation Act, 1871 (j), clergy-Incumbents' men permanently incapacitated by illness may resign their Act, 1871. benefices, and provision may be made for payment to them of a pension out of the income of the benefice. The expediency of the resignation, and the amount of the pension (which must not exceed one-third of the net annual value of the benefice resigned after deducting all rates, taxes, and charges assessed upon, and payable out of it, exclusive of the parsonage, vicarage or other place of residence of the incumbent) (k) is reported to the bishops by Commissioners appointed under the Act (1). The pension is a charge on the revenues of the benefice, is recoverable as a debt (m), and cannot be transferred at law or in equity (n). In the case of pensions awarded after the 8th August, 1887, the amount of each halfyearly payment on account of the pension varies, and is regulated by the tithe averages, unless no part of the income of the benefice is derived from tithe rent-charge or glebe lands (o). Nor can the incumbent by whom the pension is payable claim any right of set-off for sums due to him previously to the retirement (p), except a sum payable by the pensioner on account of dilapidations under

<sup>(</sup>j) 34 & 35 Viet. c. 44.

<sup>(</sup>k) Ibid. ss. 8 and 11.

<sup>(1)</sup> See sect. 6 as to manner of their appointment.

<sup>(</sup>m) Montagu v. Twyne, Times L. R. 1892-3, p. 278.

<sup>(</sup>n) Sect. 10.

<sup>(</sup>o) Incumbents' Resignation Act, 1871; Amendment Act, 1887 (50 & 51 Vict. c. 23), s. 4.

<sup>(</sup>p) Gathercole v. Smith, 50 L. J. R. Ch. 671.

the Ecclesiastical Dilapidations Act, 1871 (q). The amount withheld on account of dilapidations in any one year must not exceed one-half of the total amount of the pension for such year, without the consent of the bishop of the diocese (r).

The amount of the retiring pension is to be paid with reference to the net annual value of the benefice at the date of the incumbent's resignation; and that, having been once fixed, the pension is not liable to subsequent alteration in consequence of a diminution in the net annual value of the benefice through agricultural depression, or through the formation of a part of the parish into a district chapelry (s).

The parsonage house belongs to the incumbent, and cannot be assigned in satisfaction of the whole or any part of the pension of the retired clerk (t).

It is not essential that the deed of resignation of a benefice should be made by the clerk before a notary public. The bishop can dispense with that formality, and accept a resignation made by a deed duly executed, and sent to him by the clerk.

The bishop's acceptance of the resignation need not be in writing, and no particular form is necessary. If the resignation is sent in at the bishop's request, no further acceptance is required.

<sup>(</sup>q) 50 & 51 Viet. c. 23, s. 6.

<sup>(</sup>r) Ibid.

<sup>(</sup>s) Robinson v. Dand, 17 Q. B. D. 341.

<sup>(</sup>t) 34 & 35 Vict. c. 44, s. 14.

Though the resignation of a benefice must (except in the case of an exchange) be absolute, not conditional, it is perfectly legal for the bishop to fix a future time at which the resignation, when accepted by him, shall come into actual operation, by his declaring the benefice vacant.

The resignation of a benefice is not void because it is made at the request of the bishop to avoid scandal and legal proceedings.

If the bishop, in accepting the resignation of a benefice, agrees to postpone the declaration of the vacancy in order to enable the clerk to receive the next accruing payment of tithe rent-charge, this does not render the resignation invalid as having been made for a pecuniary consideration.

A clerk who has tendered his resignation to the bishop cannot withdraw it, even before acceptance, if, in consequence of the tender, the position of any party has been altered—e.g., if the bishop has been induced by the resignation to abstain from commencing proceedings in the Ecclesiastical Courts for the deprivation of the clerk (u).

<sup>(</sup>u) Reichel v. Bishop of Oxford, 35 Ch. D. 48.

#### CHURCHES AND CHAPELS.

Ministers of the Church cannot hold public worsecrated out licence. Consecration proved by certificate of bishop.

Ordained ministers of the Church cannot hold public worship in any edifice, not duly consecrated, except by ship in uncon- express licence in that behalf given by the bishop of the building with- diocese in which the building is situated (v). Consecration is determined by the certificate of the bishop (u).

> Consecrated buildings are divided into two classes churches and chapels.

Churchdefinition of.

A church is the mother, or chief legal place of worship in a parish or other ecclesiastical district (x).

Chapels.

Chapels are divided into six classes (y).

Private chapels.

- 1. Private chapels (z) are built by some private person or corporation, at his or its charge. The expense of the repairs of the building and the maintenance of the chaplain are borne by the founder of the chapel. Private chapels
- (v) Freeland v. Neale, 1 Rob. Eccl. 643, 12 Jur. 635; Barnes v. Shore, 1 Rob. 382, 390; Kitson v. Drury, 11 Jun. (N.S.) 273. The law takes no cognizance of a building used for public worship until it has been consecrated by the bishop: Buttiscombe v. Eve, 9 Jur. (N.S.) 210, 7 L. T. (N.S.) 697; Turner v. Parishioners of Hanwell, 1 Notes of Cases, 368.
  - (w) Coke, 3 Inst. 203.
  - (x) Brice's Public Worship, p. 14.
- (y) The term chapel also includes "side chapels," "lady chapels," and "aisles" attached to and forming a part of churches or cathedrals.
- (z) An oratory is merely ordained for prayer, and is not a church: Burn's Ecclesiastical Law, 9th ed. vol. i. p. 296, tit. "Chapel."

ought to be consecrated by the bishop of the diocese (a). The right of nomination to the chapel is in the founder, Right of and not in the parson of the parish (b). By the Private the chapel. Chapels Act, 1871 (34 & 35 Vict. c. 66), the bishop of the diocese within which any chapel belonging to any college, school, hospital, asylum, or public or charitable institution is situated, whether consecrated or unconsecrated, may licence a minister of the Church of England to serve such chapel and to administer therein such offices and services (except the solemnization of marriage) as such licence shall specify. The minister is not subject to any control or interference of the incumbent of the parish or district in which the chapel is situated.

- 2. Free chapels are exempt from the jurisdiction of the Free chapels. ordinary. The incumbents are usually instituted by the bishop, and inducted by the archdeacon (c). By an Act passed in the reign of Edward VI. (d) all free chapels (with some few exceptions) were given to the King, and the power of visitation in a free chapel is now in the King (e), and is exercised by the Lord Chancellor (f).
- 3. Chapels of ease were originally built for the relief Chapels of and ease of the inhabitants of remote hamlets, and were

<sup>(</sup>a) Lind. 233.

<sup>(</sup>b) Burn's Ecclesiastical Law, 9th ed. vol. i. p. 296, tit. "Chapel."

<sup>(</sup>c) As to institution and induction, see post, chapter on Advowsons.

<sup>(</sup>d) 1 Edw. VI. c. 14.

<sup>(</sup>e) Burn's Ecclesiastical Law, 9th ed. vol. i. pp. 298, 299, tit. "Chapel."

<sup>(</sup>f) Godb. 145.

The joint consent of the bishop, patron, and incumbent required for their erection. Purposes for which they may be used.

not allowed fonts at their institution (g). The joint consent of the bishop (diocesan), the patron, and the incumbent of the parish church was always necessary for their erection (h). Generally they can only be used for prayers and preachings, all sacraments and burials taking place in the mother church (i). Ordinarily the duty is performed by a curate, removable at the pleasure of the parish minister, the latter having the care of the chapel as well as the principal church (k). The right of nomination to a chapel of ease usually belongs to the incumbent of the parish church (l).

Right of nomination.

Parochial chapel.

Chapels of ease may be made independent of the parish church. 4. A parochial chapel has the rights of christening and burial, and only differs from a church in the want of a rectory and endowment (m). Chapels of ease which have reputed townships or districts attached may be made independent of the parish church, and the district into a separate parish with the consent of the bishop, patron, and incumbent of the parish, if a sufficient endowment be secured to them (n).

District chapels.

- 5. District chapels are erected under the provisions of the numerous Church Building Acts (o). Under these
  - (g) Gibs. 209.
  - (h) Phillimore's Ecclesiastical Law, 2nd ed. p. 245.
- (i) Gibs. 209. Under special circumstances a chapel may have authority to administer baptism, and to bury, without ceasing to be a chapel of ease: Brice's Public Worship, p. 15.
  - (k) Gibs. p. 209.
  - (1) Phillimore's Ecclesiastical Law, 2nd ed. p. 1460.
  - (m) Ibid. p. 1453.
  - (n) 1 & 2 Will. IV. c. 38, s. 23; 1 & 2 Vict. c. 107, s. 7.
  - (o) See 43 Geo. III. c. 108; 51 Geo. III. c. 115; and 52 Geo. III.

Acts the Church Building Commissioners may, with the consent of the bishop of the diocese, assign part of a single parish, or parts of contiguous parishes, to form an ecclesiastical district for a chapel already existing or to be built. The stipendiary curate is nominated by the incumbent of the parish.

6. Proprietary or subscription (p) chapels are the property of one or more proprietors. They are consecrated or more usually merely licensed by the bishop. The bishop can at any time revoke his licence, and it seems that the proprietors retain full rights of ownership, and may, when they will, devote the building to secular purposes (q). Proprietary chapels may be erected under Howerected. the provisions of the Church Building Acts (r), special Acts (s), or by persons acting without any authority (t). The incumbent of a proprietary chapel cannot perform any parochial office within the building, or even distribute of from parochial offices.

c. 161; 1 & 2 Viet. c. 107; 2 & 3 Viet. c. 49; 3 & 4 Viet. ce. 20 and 60; 8 & 9 Viet. c. 70; 9 & 10 Viet. ce. 68 and 88; 17 & 18 Viet. c. 32; 32 & 33 Viet. c. 94. See also 34 & 35 Viet. c. 90.

- (p) See 5 Geo. IV. c. 103; 1 & 2 Will. IV. c. 38.
- (q) Brice's Public Worship, p. 17.
- (r)5 Geo. IV. c. 103; 1 & 2 Will. IV. c. 38.
- (s) See 7 Geo. IV. c. 3, and *Elphinstone* v. *Purchas*, L. R. 3 A. & E. 66, 78.
- (t) Barnes v. Shore, 1 Rob. 382; 8 Ad. & E. 640; Carr v. Marsh, 2 Phill. 198; Bosanquet v. Heath, 9 W. R. 35.
- (u) Moycey v. Hillcoat, 2 Hagg. Eccl. 50. See, however, Liddell v. Rainsford, 38 L. J. Eccl. 15.

### THE ORDERS AND OFFICERS OF THE CHURCH.

The officers of The various orders and officers of the Church of England the Church.

are as follows:—

- 1. Archbishops.
- 2. Bishops, including suffragans.
- 3. Deans, including rural deans.
- 4. Canons, including honorary and minor canons.
- 5. Archdeacons.
- 6. Clerks in holy orders, which again admit of the following sub-divisions:—
  - (a.) Parsons or rectors.
  - (b.) Vicars.
  - (c.) Curates stipendiary.
  - (d.) Curates perpetual.
  - (e.) Ministers of chapels of ease.
  - (f.) Donees.
  - (g.) Chaplains.
  - (h.) Lecturers.
  - (i.) Readers.

None of the above dignities or offices (except that of reader) can be discharged by a layman. The following offices, however, can be, and are usually, held by laymen:—

- 7. Churchwardens.
- 9. Sextons.

8. Parish clerks.

10. Beadles.

Archbishops and bishops are constituted by election, Archbishops confirmation, consecration, and installation, though an archbishop is more properly said to be enthroned, and not installed (x).

They are elected by the chapter of the cathedral How elected. church, by virtue of a licence called a congé d'élire from the Crown (y). The appointment is really made by the Crown. The king or queen regnant, on the avoidance of the archbishopric or bishopric, sends a licence (congé Congé d'élire. d'élire) to the dean and chapter to proceed to election, and with the licence a letter missive, containing the name of the person to be elected. No other person can be elected, and if the election be delayed for more than twelve days the Crown may nominate such person by letters patent (z). The consent of the person elected must, after election, be given before a notary public (a). The election is confirmed by letters patent.

The archbishop is the chief of all the clergy in his Powers of the province, and has a general jurisdiction, or, as it is termed, power to visit the bishops and clergy within it; Visitation. all appeals lie to him as the superior ecclesiastical autho- Appeals to. rity in his province (b); he has jurisdiction to cite a bishop in respect of ecclesiastical offences, and an appeal lies to His Majesty in Council from his refusal to exercise

<sup>(</sup>x) Steph. Com. 13th ed. vol. ii. p. 583.

<sup>(</sup>y) 25 Hen. VIII. c. 20, s. 4.

<sup>(</sup>z) Ibid.

<sup>(</sup>a) Gibs. 110.

<sup>(</sup>b) As to appeals from Provincial and Archidiaconal Courts, see ante, chapter on Courts.

Right to present on lapse.

Option.

this jurisdiction (c), and the archbishop either sitting alone or with assessors has jurisdiction to hear a charge against one of his bishops (d); he is guardian of the spiritualities of any see during its vacancy (e). The archbishop is also entitled by lapse to present to any living in the disposal of one of his bishops unless filled within six months, or if the bishop fails for six months to present to a living which has fallen to him by lapse. He formerly had a customary prerogative, called his option, to require every bishop immediately after confirmation to convey to him the next avoidance of such one dignity or benefice belonging to the see as he, the archbishop, should name. privilege has, however, been incidentally taken away by the 3 & 4 Vict. c. 113(f).

Special privileges of the

Canterbury. Coronation of king or queen.

To grant dispensation:

The Archbishop of Canterbury has some privileges not Archbishop of enjoyed by the Archbishop of York, the chief of which are to crown the kings and queens of this kingdom (g), and to grant dispensations. The power to grant dispensations is given by 25 Hen. VIII. c. 21 (h), which provides that he shall have power to grant dispensations for causes which are not contrary to the Holy Scriptures or

- (c) Ex parte Read and Others, 13 P. D. 221.
- (d) Read v. Bishop of Lincoln, 14 P. D. 88.
- (e) Steph. Com. 13th ed. vol. ii. p. 585. During the vacancy of an archbishopric, the dean and chapter are the spiritual guardians.
  - (f) Sect. 42.
- (q) Burn's Ecclesiastical Law, 9th ed. vol. i. p. 197, tit. "Bishops." The Archbishop of York has, however, the privilege of crowning the queen consort, and to be her perpetual chaplain: Ibid.
  - (h) Sect. 3.

laws of God, and which were formerly obtained by the king or any of his subjects from the See of Rome. It e.g. special is by virtue of this power that the archbishop grants marryspecial licences to marry at any time or place (i), to hold to hold two two livings, or the like (k), and by which he confers the Lambeth degrees called Lambeth degrees (l). In unaccustomed degrees. cases, however, no dispensation can be granted until after cannot be the matter has been referred to the King in Council, and a unaccustomed cases. special licence given to the archbishop by the Crown (m).

degrees. granted in

The bishops (or ordinaries) are subordinate to the arch-Bishops: bishop, but are the chief of the clergy within the diocese. The chief powers of the bishop are to ordain priests and their powers; deacons, consecrate churches, and generally look after the ordination; manners and morals of the clergy and laity (n), for which purposes he may visit at his pleasure any part of the visitation. diocese. The bishop is ecclesiastical judge of his diocese, The bishop is but sits by his chancellor. He also institutes and directs judge of induction (o) to all livings, and licenses all curates within his diocese (p).

Archbishoprics and bishoprics may become void by Deprivation, deprivation for any very gross or notorious crime; they

<sup>(</sup>i) See 4 Geo. IV. c. 76, s. 20.

<sup>(</sup>k) See 1 & 2 Vict. c. 106, s. 6, and 13 & 14 Vict. c. 98.

<sup>(1)</sup> Steph. Com. 13th ed. vol. ii. p. 587.

<sup>(</sup>m) 25 Hen. VIII. c. 21, s. 5.

<sup>(</sup>n) As to proceedings by him under the Church Discipline Act, see post, chapter on that Act.

<sup>(</sup>o) As to institution and induction, see post, chapter on Advowsons.

<sup>(</sup>p) Steph. Com. 13th ed. vol. ii. p. 587.

can also be resigned by their holder. A bishop resigns to the archbishop, the archbishop to the Crown (q). The Bishops' Resignation Act, 1869 (r), provides for the relief of archbishops and bishops who, by reason of age or any mental or bodily infirmity, may be permanently incapacitated from the due performance of their duties, and for the appointment of bishops coadjutors to such bishops and archbishops.

Suffragans-

Suffragans.—The provincial bishops are sometimes called suffragans, as being the deputies of the archbishop. More properly the suffragans were assistants of the bishop, who assisted him in conferring orders, and in other spiritual work in the diocese. Their appointment is regulated by 26 Hen. VIII. c. 14 (s), which statute names certain towns as to their sees (t).

appointment of.

Suffragans, after having been disused for many years, have again been appointed for some dioceses (u). The suffragan has no superintendence over the jurisdiction or temporalities of the bishop, these being, in ease of the

Powers of suffragan.

- (q) Steph. Com. 13th ed. vol. ii. p. 590.
- (r) 32 & 33 Vict. c. 111, made perpetual by the 38 & 39 Vict. c. 19.
  - (s) Sect. 3.
- (t) These towns are "Thetford, Ipswich, Colchester, Dover, Guilford, Southampton, Taunton, Shaftesbury, Molton, Marlborough, Bedford, Leicester, Gloucester, Shrewsbury, Bristow, Penreth, Bridgwater, Nottingham, Grantham, Hull, Huntingdon, Cambridge, and the towns of Pereth and Berwick, S. Germains in Cornwal, and the Isle of Wight": sect. 1. Suffragan bishops have been appointed for the towns of Bedford and Colchester.
- (u) Burn's Ecclesiastical Law, 9th ed. vol. i. p. 248, tit. "Bishops."

unfitness or incapacity of a bishop to discharge his office, deputed to an assistant called a coadjutor (v).

Coadjutor.

The dean and chapter are the council of the bishop, to Dean and assist him with their advice in affairs of religion; and also in the temporal concerns of the see (x).

On old foundations the dean is elected by the chapter Dean-how upon the king's congé d'élire, in much the same way as old foundabishops and archbishops; the appointment requires the confirmation of the bishop. In new foundations the on new dean is appointed by letters patent from the Crown (y). Deaneries are sinecures—i.e., they have not the cure of souls, and are therefore exempt from the 21 Hen. VIII. c. 13, relating to pluralities (z). The dean is the head of the chapter, and has a general authority over it. He must be resident at the cathedral church at least eight months in the year (a).

The chapter is composed of dignitaries called canons (b). The chapter. The canons are in some cases appointed by the Crown (c), Canons—how in others by the bishops (d), and sometimes by each other (e). They must be in residence for at least three

<sup>(</sup>v) Steph. Com. 13th ed. vol. ii. p. 585.

<sup>(</sup>x) Steph. Com. 13th ed. vol. ii. p. 591.

<sup>(</sup>y) Phillimore's Ecclesiatical Law, 2nd ed. p. 127.

<sup>(</sup>z) Ibid.; and Burn's Ecclesiastical Law, 9th ed. vol. ii. p. 82, tit. "Dean and Chapter."

<sup>(</sup>a) 3 & 4 Vict. c. 113, s. 3.

<sup>(</sup>b) Ibid. s. 1.

<sup>(</sup>c) Ibid. s. 24.

<sup>(</sup>d) Ibid. s. 25.

<sup>(</sup>e) Steph. Com. 13th ed. vol. ii. p. 592.

Prebendary. months in the year (f). A canon is a prebendary when he holds a prebend or endowment (g).

Honorary canons.

Honorary canons are canons appointed without salary to those cathedral churches in which there were not founded any non-residential prebends, dignities, or offices; the appointments are made by the bishops and archbishops respectively, but do not give a place in the chapter (h).

Minor canons.

Stipends not less than £150 per annum.

Minor canons are dignitaries appointed by the chapter. Their stipends must not be less than 150% per annum (i), and they are not allowed to take or hold any benefice beyond the limit of six miles from the cathedral or collegiate church (k).

Rural deans.

Rural deans were originally deputies of the bishop, having a certain district allotted to them. Their duties were to execute the bishop's processes, and to inspect the lives and morals of the clergy within that district, and report the same to the bishop. In this jurisdiction rural deans were gradually superseded by the archdeacon. The

<sup>(</sup>f) 3 & 4 Vict. c. 113, s. 3.

<sup>(</sup>g) A prebend is an endowment in land or pension money given to a cathedral or conventual church in prabendum, that is, for a maintenance of a secular priest or regular canon, who was a prebendary as supported by the said prebend: Burn's Ecclesiastical Law, 9th ed. vol. ii. p. 87, tit. "Deans and Chapters." According to Dr. Godolphin, the dean and chapter have the profits of the prebend after the death of the prebendary and until the appointment of his successor: God. 52. By the stat. 28 Hen. VIII. c. 11, the profits of a prebend during the vacation go to the successor towards payment of his first fruits.

<sup>(</sup>h) 3 & 4 Vict. c. 113, s. 23.

<sup>(</sup>i) Ibid. s. 45.

<sup>(</sup>k) Ibid. s. 46.

office has recently been revived, and the duties of the rural dean at present appear to be only those of inspection and report ancillary to and not conflicting with those of the archdeacon (l). The authority of the rural dean (as at present constituted) seems to be derived entirely from the bishop—he appears to have no coercive power whatever, and his duties as above stated seem only to extend to the inspection of the church property and the lives and morals of the clergy, and to report thereon to his bishop (m). Rural decanal meetings and rural decanal conferences are both voluntary meetings, held, the first of the clergy, and the second of the clergy, churchwardens, and selected lay representatives of the parishes within his district.

Archdeacons have authority subordinate to the bishop Archdeacon—within the limits of certain ecclesiastical divisions called archdeaconries. They are commonly appointed by the how appointed.

<sup>(7)</sup> The rural dean's office is recognised by the Church Discipline Act (3 & 4 Vict. c. 86); the Dilapidations Act, 1871 (34 & 35 Vict. c. 43); and the Clerical Disabilities Act, 1870 (33 & 34 Vict. c. 91).

<sup>(</sup>m) As to the inspection of churches, the usual practice is for the rural dean to meet the churchwardens at the church, and to cause the archdeacon's visitation queries to be answered and signed in his presence—doubtless in order that he may prevent improper or inaccurate returns being made by persons of small capacity and education. The returns of the rural dean are accompanied by a report from himself calling the attention of the archdeacon to the number of any answer specially requiring notice, and also representing the state of each church, chancel, and churchyard fence as good, middling, or bad. [I am indebted for this note to the kindness of a rural dean of the diocese of St. Albans, but the practice would be much the same in all dioceses.]

bishops, by collation (n). They may, however, be in the

Appointment when in the gift of a layman.

Jurisdiction.

Visitation.

Court of archdeacon.

Qualification of dean, archdeacon and canon.

Exception.

Rector or parson.

gift of a layman, in which case the patron presents to the bishop, and the bishop institutes in the same way as to other benefices (o). The archdeacon has an ecclesiastical jurisdiction independent and distinct from the bishop (p), which includes the power of visitation, which may, if he please, be exercised once every year, but of necessity must be exercised once in every three years (q); and also includes the right of holding a separate Court for punishment of offenders and for hearing all ecclesiastical causes which arise within the archdeaconry. As a general rule, the jurisdiction of the bishop and archdeacon is concurrent, so that a suit may be commenced in either Court (r); but when the archdeacon has a peculiar, his jurisdiction is independent of the bishop (s). No person is capable of receiving the appointment of dean, archdeacon, or canon who has not been six years complete in priest's orders; an exception is made, however, in the case of a canonry annexed to any professorship, headship, or other office in some university (t).

The rector or parson of a church is he who hath full

- (n) As to collation, see post, chapter on Advowsons.
- (o) Burn's Ecclesiastical Law, 9th ed. vol. i. p. 95, tit. "Arch-· deacon." As to institution, see post, chapter on Advowsons.
  - (p) Steph. Com. 13th ed. vol. ii. p. 593.
  - (q) Burn's Ecclesiastical Law, 9th ed. vol. i. p. 96, tit. "Archdeacon."
    - (r) Steph. Com. 13th ed. vol. ii. p. 593.
  - (s) See ante, chapter on Courts having Ecclesiastical Jurisdic-
    - (t) 3 & 4 Will. IV. c. 113, s. 27.

possession of all the rights of a parochial church. The freehold of the parsonage-house, glebe, tithes, and other dues vest in him during his life (u). The incumbent is a rector, in short, when the living is unappropriated (x), and he is entitled to both great and small tithes.

A vicar is the incumbent of a vicarage or appropriated Vicar. living. He is only entitled to the small tithes (y).

Curates (z), temporary or stipendiary, are the spiritual Curate. assistants of a rector or vicar, by whom they are employed or paid; they may officiate in the parish church or chapel of ease within the parish (a).

Perpetual curates (b) are clerks charged with the cure Perpetual of souls in parishes formerly appropriated to religious houses, but exempt from the 4 Hen. IV. c. 12 (c), for

- (u) Steph. Com. 13th ed. vol. ii. p. 594.
- (x) As to the difference between rectories and vicarages or appropriated and unappropriated livings, see *post*, chapter on Advowsons.
- (y) The great tithes consist in general of corn, hay, and wood; small tithes consist of all other produce, with personal and mixed tithes: Burn's Ecclesiastical Law, 9th ed. vol. iii. p. 680, tit. "Tithes."
- (z) The term "curate" in its ordinary sense signifies a clerk not instituted to the cure of souls, but exercising the spiritual office in a parish under the rector or vicar: Burn's Ecclesiastical Law, 9th ed. vol. ii. p. 54, tit. "Curates."
  - (a) Phillimore's Ecclesiastical Law, 2nd ed. p. 239.
- (b) Perpetual curates who are entitled to perform marriages, churchings, and baptisms, are to be styled vicars: 31 & 32 Vict. c. 117, s. 2.
- (c) This statute enacted that in every church appropriated there shall be a secular (i.e., non-monastic) person ordained vicar perpetual, canonically instituted and inducted, and convenably endowed by the discretion of the ordinary.

particular reasons (d). On the dissolution of the monasteries when such exempted appropriations came into lay hands, the owners, not being able to serve the cure themselves, were forced to nominate some clerk to the bishop for his licence to do the duty, and such curates became removable only by the due revocation of the ordinary's licence (e).

It is provided by the 31 & 32 Vict. c. 117, s. 2, "That the incumbent of the church of every parish, or new parish for ecclesiastical purposes, not being a rector, who is or shall be authorized to publish banns of matrimony in such church, and to solemnize therein marriages, churchings, and baptisms, according to the laws and canons in force in this realm, and who is or shall be entitled to take, receive, and hold for his own sole use and benefit, the entire fees arising from the performance of such offices, without any reservation thereout, shall, from and after the passing of this Act, for the purpose of style and designation, but not for any other purpose, be deemed and styled the vicar of such church and parish or new parish, as the case may be, and his benefice shall,

<sup>(</sup>d) "If the benefice were given ad mensam monachorum, and so not appropriated in the common form, but granted by way of union pleno jure; in that case it was served by a temporary curate belonging to their own house, and sent out as occasion required. The like liberty of not appointing a perpetual curate was sometimes granted by dispensation, in benefices not annexed to their tables, in consideration of the poverty of the house, or the nearness of the church": Phillimore's Ecclesiastical Law, 2nd ed. p. 240.

<sup>(</sup>e) Gibs. 819; 1 Consist. 165.

for the same purpose, be styled and designated a vicarage."

A done is a clerk who is presented to a spiritual Done. preferment which is in the free gift or collation of the patron. No admission, institution, or induction is necessary (f).

A chaplain is a clergyman whose sphere of duty is in Chaplain—a chapel, and to whom no parish is assigned.

They are usually constituted by Act of Parliament; how constituted. chaplains for the army (g), gaols (h), workhouses (i), lunatic asylums (k), and cemeteries (l) being the most ordinary examples.

It is questionable whether navy chaplains are created Navy chaplains. by the exercise of the royal prerogative or by the Common Law (m).

Private chaplains are chaplains appointed to minister Private to private persons. By the statute 21 Hen. VIII. c. 13, abolished by the statutes 57 Geo. III. c. 99, and 1 & 2 Vict. c. 106, members of the royal family (n), noble-Persons

- (f) As to donatives, and also as to institution and induction, see post, chapter on Advowsons.
  - (g) 31 & 32 Vict. c. 83.
- (h) 28 & 29 Vict. c. 126, ss. 10-20, 81; 34 & 35 Vict. c. 46. See also 26 & 27 Vict. c. 79.
- (i) 4 & 5 Will. IV. c. 76. See also 31 & 32 Vict. c. 122. Molyneux v. Bagshaw, 9 Jur. (N.S.) 553.
  - (k) 16 & 17 Viet. c. 97, ss. 55, 57; 25 & 26 Viet. c. 3, ss. 9, 12.
- (1) 10 & 11 Viet. c. 65; 15 & 16 Viet. c. 85, s. 39; 20 & 21 Viet. c. 35, s. 7.
  - (m) Brice's Public Worship, p. 33.
- (n) The words of the Act are "Queen, prince or princess, or any of the king's children, brethren, sisters, uncles, or aunts."

entitled to appoint private chaplains. men, widows of noblemen, and certain dignitaries might appoint chaplains (o), who might, on account of their being such chaplains, obtain a licence to keep two parsonages or benefices with cure of souls.

Lecturer.

A lecturer is an assistant to the rectors of churches in London and the cities. He is usually chosen by the vestry or chief inhabitants, and must be licensed by the archbishop or bishop of the diocese (p). There are usually one or more lecturers in most cathedral churches, and many lectureships have been founded by the donation of private persons, as St. Moyer's at St. Peter's, and many others (q).

Readers-

Readers are appointed in churches or chapels where there is only a very small endowment, and no clergyman will take upon him the charge or cure. The reader may be a layman, and is usually appointed to officiate with the consent of the incumbent of the parish, and is licensed by the bishop (r). The licence bears a stamp duty of 10s. (s).

licence of.

- (o) The number of chaplains which each order may appoint is limited by the Act. Archbishops and dukes may have six; marquises and earls, five; viscounts and bishops, four; the Chancellor of England and barons and knights of the Garter, three; duchesses, marchionesses, countesses, and baronesses who are widows, two; the treasurer and comptroller of the king's house, the king's secretary, the dean of his chapel, the king's almoner, and Master of the Rolls, two; and the Chief Justice of the King's Bench and Warden of the Cinque Ports, one.
- (p) Phillimore's Ecclesiastical Law, 2nd ed. p. 444. See also 7 & 8 Vict. c. 59, s. 1.
  - (q) Phillimore's Ecclesiastical Law, 2nd ed. p. 444.
- (r) Burn's Ecclesiastical Law, 9th ed. vol. iii. pp. 452, 453, tit. "Reader."
  - (s) 33 & 34 Vict. c. 97, schedule, tit. "Licence."

Churchwardens are two members of the laity chosen Churchin every parish, whose office is to inspect the morals duties of; and behaviour of the parishioners as well as to take care of the goods and repairs of the church (t). Their election is in many parishes regulated by custom (u), but election of. in the absence of special custom they are to be chosen by the joint consent of the ministers and parishioners; or, if they cannot agree, the minister (v) is to choose one and the parishioners the other (x). The remedy in the case of an improper election is by a mandamus from the King's Bench Division.

The election takes place early in Easter week, and churchwardens when chosen are obliged to serve unless ineligible or exempt from the office (y).

The churchwardens are a corporation to take money or Churchother personal property for the use of the church, but not corporation to

- (t) Burn's Ecclesiastical Law, 9th ed. vol. i. p. 398, tit. "Churchwardens."
  - (u) Ibid. pp. 401, 402. See also Bremner v. Hull, 1 C. P. 748.
- (v) "Minister" includes a perpetual curate: The Queen v. The Churchwardens of Shouldham All Saints, L. R. 8 Q. B. 69.
- (x) Can. 89. An incumbent who exercises the right of appointing one churchwarden is not entitled to vote in his capacity of a ratepayer on the appointment of the other: The King v. Dishop of Salisbury, [1901] 2 K. B. 225.
- (y) Peers of the realm, members of Parliament, clergymen of the Church of England, Roman Catholic clergy, dissenting ministers, barristers, attorneys, clerks in court, physicians, surgeons, and apothecaries (if duly registered under 21 & 22 Vict. c. 90), aldermen and dissenting teachers, and all persons living out of the parish, unless they occupy a house of trade—these are either ineligible or exempted from the office: Steer's Parish Law, 6th ed. p. 104.

property for church.

take personal land, that vesting in the parson (z). They may bring the use of the actions on account of the parish for any personal property belonging to it, and one of their chief duties is the care and management of the goods belonging to the church, such as the organ, bells, Bible, and parish books (a), and military colours presented to the church (b). They also see to the reparation of the church and the making of the church rates for defraying the charge of the repairs (this rate is made by the parishioners in vestry, but is not now compulsory (c)), maintain order in church, and generally look after all parish matters (d). They have no power to forcibly prevent a parishioner from entering the church for the purpose of attending divine service (e). At the end of the year the churchwardens are bound to render an account of their receipts and disbursements (f).

Seats.

Churchwardens of a church with free seats have authority to direct, for the maintenance of order and decorum. in which of those seats certain classes of the congregation may, and others may not, sit (g).

Where a voluntary church rate is collected in a parish the churchwardens, in allotting sittings, should give priority to the parishioners who pay the rate. In a parish

- (z) Attorney-General v. Ruper, 2 P. W. 125.
- (a) Steph. Com. 13th ed. vol. ii. p. 614.
- (b) Vincent v. Eyton, [1892] P. 1.
- (c) 31 & 32 Viet. c. 109, s. 2.
- (d) Steph. Com. 13th ed. vol. ii. p. 615.
- (e) Taylor v. Timpson, Times L. R. vol. iv. p. 208.
- (f) Steer's Parish Law, 6th ed. p. 115.
- (g) Asher v. Calcraft.

where a voluntary church rate is not collected the churchwardens may give priority to parishioners who contribute to a fund for church improvements and expenses (h).

The powers conferred upon the churchwardens, it seems, cannot be exercised by one without his colleague. The churchwardens have a right of access to the church at proper seasons, but are not entitled to keep the key (i).

If on entering his office the churchwarden finds any Existing practice in use as to which no legal objection can be taken, be continued. it is the churchwarden's duty to follow it. If the churchwarden considers the practice objectionable or inconvenient he should refer the matter to the bishop of the diocese (k). The churchwardens are the proper custodians of money arising from collections for ordinary church expenses, and such money should be placed by them at a bank in their joint names (l).

The parish clerk had by the Common Law a freehold The parish in his office, and was an officer appointed for life, who could not be deprived of it, but only censured for any could not be misconduct (m). He may, however, now be suspended or misconduct, removed for misconduct or neglect (n). The qualification qualifications required for the office is that he "shall be twenty years of for office;

removed for

<sup>(</sup>h) St. Saviour, Westgate-on-Sea, Vicar, &c. v. Parishioners, &c., [1898] P. 217.

<sup>(</sup>i) Ritchings v. Cordingley, L. R. 3 A. & E. 119.

<sup>(</sup>k) Howell v. Holroyd, [1897] P. 198.

<sup>(</sup>l) Ibid.

<sup>(</sup>m) Burn's Ecclesiastical Law, 9th ed. vol. iii. p. 86, tit. "Parish

<sup>(</sup>n) 7 & 8 Viet. c. 59, s. 5.

how appointed; age at the least; known to the parson, vicar, or minister to be of honest conversation, and sufficient for his reading, writing, and also for his competent skill in singing (if it may be) "(o). He is usually appointed by the incumbent, but by special custom the right of appointment may belong to the parishioners (p).

summary
power of
bishop or
archdeacon to
remove him.

Formerly the parish clerk could only be displaced by a formal suit in the Ecclesiastical Court, but a summary power is now vested in the archdeacon or ordinary to hear and determine any complaint against him, and, if necessary, to suspend or remove him from his office, and to eject him from any house or other premises he holds by virtue of his office (q).

The sexton-

duties of;

by special custom he may be chosen by the parishioners. His salary depends on custom, and is paid by the church-wardens (r). The duties of the sexton are to cleanse the church, open pews, dig the graves for the dead, provide candles and other necessaries, and to prevent disturbances in the church (s).

The sexton is usually chosen by the incumbent, though

a woman may fill the office.

A woman may fill the office of sexton, and also, where the right of election belongs to the inhabitants, may vote in the election (t).

- (o) Can. 91.
- ( p) Burn's Ecclesiastical Law, 9th ed. vol. iii. p. 82, tit. "Parish Clerk."
  - (q) 7 & 8 Viet. c. 59, ss. 5, 6.
  - (r) Steph. Com. 13th ed. vol. ii. p. 616.
  - (s) R. v. Inhabitants of Liverpool, 3 T. R. 119.
- (t) Olive v. Ingram, T. 12 G., Str. 1114; Burn's Ecclesiastical Law, 9th ed. vol. iii. p. 603, tit. "Sexton."

The beadle is chosen by the vestry. His duties are Beadle. to attend the vestry, to give notice of its meetings to the parishioners, and generally to execute all orders of the vestry (u).

(u) Steer's Parish Law, 6th ed. p. 121.

## DOCTRINE AND ORNAMENTS.

Lawful doctrines and ceremonies.

THE questions what doctrines can lawfully be held by a clergyman of the Church of England; what rights and ceremonies are lawful, and what are unlawful; and what vestments can properly be worn during the celebration of Divine Service, are subjects so wide that they cannot properly be discussed in a work so small as the present one. The author in this chapter does not attempt any deep treatise of these questions, but simply gives the result of the most important cases on these subjects during recent years.

Voysey v. Noble.

Court need not give a definite meaning to any particular Article. In the case of *Voysey* v. *Noble* (3 P. C. 357), where a clergyman was charged with maintaining and promulgating doctrines contrary to the Thirty-nine Articles of Religion, the Judicial Committee decided that they were not compelled to affix a definite meaning to any given Article where such Article is really a subject of dubious interpretation. On the other hand, a clergyman will not be allowed to wholly elude the authority of the Articles, and he can be punished if he deliberately declare an intention of teaching doctrines contrary to the Articles.

Query—What latitude of 'belief in the canonical books is allowed? It is not competent to a clergyman of his own mere will, not founding himself upon any critical inquiry, but simply upon his own taste and judgment, to assert that whole passages of some of the canonical books are without

authority whatever, on the ground that they are contrary to the teachings of Christ, as contained in others of the canonical books (x).

The minister should so stand during the prayer of Position of consecration that he may in good faith enable the com- whilst saying municants present, or the bulk of them, to see him break consecration. the bread and perform the manual acts mentioned in the rubric (y).

the prayer of

A bishop officiating as a "minister" in the celebration Bishop of the Holy Communion is bound to use the order and officiating as minister. form prescribed by the Book of Common Prayer, he then being the "minister" within the meaning of the rubric relating to the administration of that office (z).

The bread used in the celebration of the Holy Com- The bread to munion should be pure wheaten bread, and not wafer celebration of bread (a). The bread may, however, be made in the form of the Holy of circular wafers, instead of bread such as is usual to be eaten (b). The mixing of wine with water in and as part Wine mixed of the Communion Service is against the Law of the Church, but wine mixed with water before the service may be used at the service (c).

be used in the the sacrament Communion.

with water.

- (x) Voysey v. Noble, 3 P. C. 357.
- (y) Ridsdale v. Clifton, 2 P. D. 276; Read v. Bishop of Lincoln, [1892] P. 9.
  - (z) Read v. Bishop of Lincoln, 14 P. D. 148.
- (a) Hebbert v. Purchas, 3 P. C. 605. See contra, however, Ridsdale v. Clifton, 2 P. D. 276.
  - (b) Ridsdale v. Clifton, supra.
- (c) Read v. Bishop of Lincoln, [1892] A. C. 644; as to the earlier cases, see Hebbert v. Purchas, 3 P. C. 605; Martin v. Mackonochie, 2 A. & E. 116; and Elphinstone v. Purchas, 3 A. & E. 66.

The difference between the terms "rite" and "ceremony."

The legal distinction between a rite and a ceremony is, that a rite consists in services expressed in words; a ceremony in gestures or acts preceding, accompanying, or following those words (d).

Unlawful ceremonies.

It is an unlawful ceremony for a clergyman to kneel or prostrate himself before the consecrated elements during the prayer of consecration (e).

Candles.

The use of lighted candles on the communion table during the celebration of the Holy Communion, when such candles are not wanted for the purpose of giving light, is also unlawful (f). But the mere fact that the respondent had officiated as bishop throughout the celebration of the Holy Communion without objection on his part to the use of lighted candles, unnecessary for any purpose of giving light, was held not to constitute an ecclesiastical offence, there being no evidence of any ceremonial use of the lights, or that he, the bishop, had introduced them as unlawful ornaments (g).

The Agnus.

The singing of the hymn, "The Agnus," by the choir before and during the reception of the elements is not illegal (h).

Legal ornaments.

The "Ornaments Rubric" prefixed to "The Order for Morning and Evening Prayer" provides "That such

- (d) Martin v. Mackonochie, 2 A. & E. 116.
- (e) Martin v. Mackonochie, 2 P. C. 365; on appeal from 2 A. & E. 116.
- (f) Ibid.; see also Martin v. Mackonochie, 4 A. & E. 279; and Bishop Sumner v. Wix, 3 A. & E. 58.
  - (g) Read v. Bishop of Lincoln, [1892] A. C. 644.
  - (h) Ibid.

ornaments of the church, and of the ministers thereof, at all times of their ministration, shall be retained, and be in use, as were in the Church of England, by the authority of Parliament, in the second year of the reign of King Edward the Sixth" (i).

What these ornaments were is still a matter of great difference of opinion.

In Hebbert v. Purchas (3 P. C. 605), the use of the chasuble, alb, and the tunicle was held to be illegal while officiating at the Holy Communion (k), but the cope may be worn while ministering the Holy Communion on high feast days in cathedral and collegiate The surplice should be used in all other churches. ministrations.

The term "ornaments," in Ecclesiastical Law, is not Meaning of confined, as by modern usage, to articles of decoration "ornaments." or embellishment, but it is used in the larger sense of the word ornamentum, which, according to the interpretation of Forcellini's Dictionary, is used pro quocumque apparatu, seu instrumento. All the several articles used in the performance of the services and rites of the church are "ornaments"; vestments, books, cloths, chalices, and patens are amongst church ornaments; a long list of them will be found extracted from Lyndwood, in Dr.

<sup>(</sup>i) On the question of what are legal or illegal ornaments, see the Ornaments Rubric; the Injunctions of Queen Elizabeth, A.D. 1559; the Advertisements of Queen Elizabeth, A.D. 1564, made pursuant to the Act of Uniformity, 1 Eliz. c. 2; the Act of Uniformity, 13 & 14 Car. II. c. 4; and the Canons of 1603.

<sup>(</sup>k) See also Ridsdale v. Clifton, 2 P. D. 276.

Phillimore's edition of Burn's Ecclesiastical Law (l). In modern times organs and bells are held to fall under this denomination (m).

Ornaments of the church.

As regards ornaments of the church, all ornaments appear to be lawful unless they are calculated to receive superstitious reverence, and be abused, or likely to cause scandal or offence.

Crucifix.

A cross (n), or crucifix (o), is not necessarily an illegal ornament in a church, and, so long as it is a mere architectural decoration, will be allowed; but if it be placed in such a position that it be in danger of becoming an object of superstitious reverence, it becomes an unlawful ornament (p).

In the case of *Clifton* v. *Ridsdale* (1 P. D. 316), Lord Penzance ordered the removal of a crucifix of metal in high relief, placed on the top of a screen at the entrance to the chancel. The crucifix not only stood on the highest part of the screen, turned towards the congregation, but was lighted by a row of candles fixed along the screen. On the same principle a reredos in itself is a lawful ornament, but it may be ordered to be removed if it contain sculptured figures likely to become the subject of superstitious reverence (q).

- (l) Vol. i. pp. 375-377.
- (m) Phillimore's Ecclesiastical Law, 2nd ed. pp. 726, 727.
- (n) Westerton v. Liddell, Moore's Sp. Rep.
- (o) Phillpotts v. Boyd, L. R. 6 P. C. 435.
- (p) Clifton v. Ridsdale, 1 P. D. 316.
- (q) In re St. Lawrence Pillington, 5 P. D. 131. See also Phillpotts v. Boyd, L. R. 6 P. C. 435; and Hughes v. Edwards, 2 P. D. 361.

A set of pictures representing the "Stations of the Stations of Cross" were ordered to be removed from the church of St. Mark, Marylebone Road (r).

A faculty for the erection of a crucifix and figure of the Crucifix on Virgin Mary and Saint John, placed on the top of a screen. chancel screen, was refused in the case of The Vicar of Richmond, &c. v. All Persons having interest, &c. (s), and allowed in the case of The Vicar, &c., of Great Bardfield v. All having interest, &c. (t).

In Kensit v. St. Ethelburga, Bishopsgate Street Within (u), Kensit v. Dr. Tristram held that moveable crucifixes (which he held Bishopsgate not to be architectural decorations) were not legal church ornaments.

St. Ethelburga, Street Within.

A tabernacle for the reception of the Reserved Sacrament is not a lawful church ornament (x).

In the case of Davey v. Hinde (y), the following orna- Davey v. ments were ordered to be removed from a parish church as being illegal:—(i) The fourteen Stations of the Cross; (ii) three confessional boxes; (iii) a large crucifix fixed near the pulpit; (iv) a tabernacle on the communion table in the chancel, before which a lamp was kept burning; (v) a piece of furniture applicable for receiving confessions; (vi) two water stoups for holding holy water;

- (r) St. Mark's, Marylebone Road, [1898] P. 114.
- (s) [1897] P. 70.
- (t) [1897] P. 185.
- (u)  $\lceil 1900 \rceil$  P. 80.
- (x) Ibid.
- (y) [1901] P. 95. Numbers I. to IV, inclusive had been in the church at the time of its consecration.

(vii) a tabernacle on the communion table in the side chapel of the church, used for the Reservation of the Sacrament; (viii) images representing (a) The Good Shepherd on a pedestal at the west end of the church, with candles on each side and a lighted lamp in front; (b) The Virgin Mary on a pedestal standing against the chancel screen, with candles on each side, vases of flowers, and a lighted blue lamp before it, with canopy, crown and star over it; (c) the Sacred Heart and St. Joseph, on either side of the communion table in the side chapel of the church; (ix) several crucifixes, one over the communion table in the chancel, another on the chancel screen, and another with a crown over it, over the holy table in the side chapel of the church.

## ADVOWSONS.

An advowson is the perpetual right of presentation to a Advowsonrectory, vicarage, or other ecclesiastical benefice. right of presentation, or nominating a duly qualified person to be minister, was a Common Law right given to those lords of the manors who built and endowed a church. Where a church was so built and endowed, the tithes, which before were given to the clergy in common, were paid to the minister to be applied for the purposes of the church, district, or parish (z).

This history of.

Advowsons are principally of two kinds-advowsons Advowson of of rectories and advowsons of vicarages. Originally, they vicarages. appear to have been almost always appendant to some History of manor, but they were frequently granted by the lords of manors, in ancient times, to monastic houses, bishops, and other spiritual corporations. When this was the case, the spiritual patrons received the tithes and other profits, and left the duty to be performed by some poor priest as to their vicar or deputy. The license of the Crown and consent of the bishop were necessary on such appropriation (a).

The method of trying the right to an advowson was Method of formerly by a writ of quare impedit, which was issued out an advowson.

<sup>(</sup>z) Steph. Com. 13th ed. vol. ii. p. 630.

<sup>(</sup>a) Ihid. p. 595.

of, and was within the exclusive jurisdiction of, the Court of Common Pleas. Originally, where a stranger had no right to an advowson, and presented a clerk who was admitted and instituted, the advowson was said to be usurped, and the patron by the Common Law was absolutely ousted and dispossessed, and lost, not only his turn of presenting pro hac vice, but also the absolute and perpetual inheritance of the advowson; so that he could not present again upon the next avoidance, unless in the meantime he recovered his right by a real action, called a writ of right of advowson. It was, however, provided by the statute of Westminster the second, 13 Edw. I. c. 5, s. 2, that, if an action of quare impedit should be brought within six months after the avoidance, the patron should, notwithstanding the usurpation, recover that very presentation; and this recovery gave back to him the seisin of the advowson. But if the patron omitted to bring this action within six months, the seisin was gained by the usurper, and the patron, to recover it, had only his remedy by writ of right of advowson. By the 7 Anne, c. 18, it was provided that no usurpation should displace the estate or interest of the patron, or turn it to a mere right, but that the true patron might present, upon the next avoidance, as if no such usurpation had happened. The result of these statutes is, that where a stranger usurps the right of presentation, and the patron does not pursue his remedy within six months, he loses all right to presentation for that turn, but for that turn only, and he may present on the next avoidance. By the Common Law Procedure Act, 1860, s. 26, and the Judicature Acts, 1873, 1875, the writ of quare impedit is abolished, and the ordinary writ of summons is issued in its place, indorsed with a claim by the plaintiff in quare impedit (b), and the proceedings in an action for the recovery of an advowson are the same as in an ordinary action.

In addition to the method of trying the right to an Proceedings to advowson in the temporal Court, proceedings may be right in the taken to ascertain the right in a spiritual Court, but the Court. only effect of the decision on the right by the spiritual Court is, that it secures the clerk who is presented from being considered a disturber. And any decision in the spiritual Court as to the right will be overruled by a decision of a temporal Court. Where the right of presentation is likely to be contested, each party usually enters a careat with the bishop to prevent the institution of the clerk of his antagonist. If two presentations be offered to the bishop on the same avoidance, the church is said to be litigious, and, if nothing further be done, the bishop may suspend the admission of either and suffer a lapse to occur. On the application of either party, the bishop must award a jus patronatus, which is a commission usually directed to his chancellor and other learned and competent persons. The commission is to summon a jury of six elergymen and six laymen, who are to inquire and examine who is the rightful patron. On the return of the

<sup>(</sup>b) The following is the form of indorsement of claim in quare impedit given by schedule A, part iii. sec. 4 of R.S.C. 1883:-"The plaintiff is in quare impedit for ——."

commissioners, the bishop admits and institutes the clerk of the patron whom the commissioners return to be the true one. The clerk who is so instituted is secure from being a disturber although the decision of the commissioners may be overruled by the decision of a temporal Court (c).

The clerk who is refused by the bishop has a remedy by way of appeal called a *duplex querela*.

As a matter of fact, the proceedings in the spiritual Court are seldom or never taken, but so soon as the bishop refuses to admit the nominee of the patron, the latter brings his action to determine his right.

The plaintiff is always the patron, not the clerk, as the injury is done to the right of the former; the pseudopatron, his clerk, and the ordinary are usually made defendants.

Interests of the parish protected by statutes. The interests of the parish were protected by statutes passed in the reigns of Richard II. (d) and Henry IV. (e) which provided that, wherever the benefice was appropriated, there should always be a vicar with a sufficient endowment to perform the duties of the church, who should be duly ordained. On the dissolution of the monasteries in the reign of Henry VIII. the appropriations which belonged to them were given to the King, in as ample a manner as the appropriators held the same at

<sup>(</sup>c) Steph. Com. 13th ed. vol. iii. p. 444.

<sup>(</sup>d) 15 Rich. II. c. 16.

<sup>(</sup>e) Hen. IV. c. 12.

the time of their dissolution (f). The appropriations so vested in the Crown were afterwards, from time to time, granted out by the Crown to subjects, and are now in the hands of lay persons, who are generally styled lay impropriators (g).

Advowsons are either appendant or in gross-appendant, Appendant or when they have been retained along with the manor from which they were originally endowed; in gross, or at large, when they have been separated from it, being no longer annexed to the manor or lands, but to the person of the owner (h).

Advowsons when appendant pass by a mere grant of the manor, or when in gross are capable of being conveyed by deed of grant (i), like any other species of real property, and the owner has not only the right of conveying the advowson as a whole-formerly he might, except when the living is vacant, convey the next or any Next prenumber of future presentations, the grantee in such case becoming the patron pro hac vice—but now, under the Benefices Act, 1898 (k), he can only transfer his whole right of patronage.

Advowsons may again be divided into advowsons pre- Advowsonssentative, collative, and elective (1). In an advowson pre-

presentative.

- (f) 27 Hen. VIII. c. 28, and 31 Hen. VIII. c. 13. The appropriations at that time amounted to more than one-third of all the parishes in England: Steph. Com. 7th ed. vol. ii. p. 679.
  - (g) Steph. Com. 13th ed. vol. ii. p. 595.
  - (h) Ibid. p. 6 1.
  - (i) 8 & 9 Vict c. 106.
  - (k) 61 & 62 Vict. c. 48.
- (1) Advowsons "donative" were changed into "presentative" by the Benefices Act, 1898, s. 12.

collative,

sentative, the patron presents the parson to the ordinary (bishop) to be instituted and inducted in his church; in an advowson collative, the bishop is both patron and ordinary. Elective benefices occur in cathedral and other corporations (m).

Conveyance.

An advowson is but a right collateral to land, and is not aptly described as "being situate at" a particular place. Such a description, however, may pass an advowson under certain circumstances—e.g., when upon an examination of the whole instrument a clear intention is shown that it shall pass, or upon evidence that there is no other property in that particular place capable of being disposed of by the instrument (n).

Transfers of right of patronage.

A transfer of a right of patronage of a benefice is not valid unless—

- (a) It is registered in the prescribed manner in the registry of the diocese within one month from the date of the transfer, or within such extended time as, under special circumstances, the bishop may think fit to allow; and
- (b) It transfers the whole interest of the transferor in the right; and (o)
- (m) Phillimore's Ecclesiastical Law, 2nd ed. p. 263.
- (n) Crompton v. Jarratt, 30 Ch. D. 298. The proper description is, "All that advowson, donation, or right of patronage and presentation of and to the rectory and parish church of in the county of ," &c.; see Davidson's Precs., 2nd ed. vol. ii. pt. i. p. 280; or "All that the advowson and perpetual right of presentation of and to the rectory and parish church of in the county of ," &c.: Prideaux's Precs.,

13th ed. vol. i. pp. 437, 438.

(o) In a family settlement a life interest to the settlor, and in a

(c) More than twelve months have elapsed since the last institution or admission to the benefice.

Transfer includes any conveyance or assurance passing What "transfer" or creating any legal or equitable interest *inter vivos*, and includes. any agreement for any such conveyance or assurance, but it does not include—

- (a) A transmission on marriage, death, or bankruptcy, or otherwise by operation of law; nor
- (b) A transfer on the appointment of a new trustee where no beneficial interest passes (p).

It is not lawful to offer for sale by public auction any right of patronage except—

- (a) An advowson to be sold in conjunction with a manor; or
- (b) An estate in land of not less than 100 acres.

The land must be situate in the parish in which the benefice is situate, or in an adjoining parish, and must belong to the same owner as the advowson.

Persons offering or bidding for any right of patronage contrary to the above provisions are liable on summary conviction to a fine of not exceeding 100l. (q).

The following agreements are invalid:—

1. An agreement for the exercise of a right of Agreements patronage of a benefice in favour or on the to patronage. nomination of any particular person.

mortgage the equity of redemption may be reserved: The Benefices Act, 1898, s. 1, sub-s. 7.

<sup>(</sup>p) The Benefices Act, 1898, s. 1, sub-s. 6.

<sup>(</sup>q) Ibid. s. 1, sub-s. 2.

- 2. An agreement on the transfer of a right of patronage of a benefice:
  - (a) For the retransfer of the right; or
  - (b) For postponing payment of any part of the consideration for the transfer until a vacancy, or for more than three months; or
  - (c) For payment of interest until a vacancy, or for more than three months; or
  - (d) For any payment in respect of the date at which a vacancy occurs; or
  - (e) For the resignation of a benefice in favour of any person (r).

Presentation, nomination, and collation are sometimes used as synonymous terms for the gift of a benefice to a duly qualified clerk.

Presentation.

Presentation more strictly, however, is the right of the patron to offer a duly qualified clerk to the ordinary to be instituted to the church (s).

Nomination.

Nomination is the offering a clerk to the person who has the right of presentation—e.g., the right of the cestui que trust where an advowson is held on trust (t).

Collation.

Collation is the act by which the bishop admits and institutes a clerk to an advowson of which he himself is the patron (u). It is equivalent to both presentation and

- (r) The Benefices Act, 1898, s. 1, sub-s. 3.
- (s) Tudor's Leading Cases, 4th ed. p. 823, notes to Fox v. The Bishop of Chester; Co. Litt. 120 a.
  - (t) Phillimore's Ecclesiastical Law, 2nd ed. p. 263.
  - (u) Ibid.

institution in the case of a presentative advowson, and induction only is necessary (x).

Institution is the ceremony by which the cure of souls Institution. is transferred from the bishop to the incumbent (y). The effect of the institution is to give the incumbent a complete right as to spirituality, and to celebrate divine service (z).

A bishop may refuse to institute or admit a presentee to a benefice:-

(a) If at the date of the vacancy not more than one Grounds on year has elapsed since a transfer of the right of bishop may patronage of the benefice, unless it be proved institute a that the transfer was not effected in view of the sented by the probability of a vacancy within such year; or

which a patron of the living.

(b) On the ground that at the date of presentation not more than three years have elapsed since the presentee was ordained deacon, or that the presentee is unfit for the discharge of the duties of the benefice by reason of physical or mental infirmity or incapacity, pecuniary embarrassment of a serious character, grave misconduct or neglect of duty in an ecclesiastical office, evil life, having by his conduct caused grave scandal concerning his moral

<sup>(</sup>x) Tudor's Leading Cases, 4th ed. p. 827, notes to Fox v. The Bishop of Chester.

<sup>(</sup>y) Steph. Com. 13th ed. vol. ii. p. 601; Tudor's Leading Cases, 4th ed. p. 838, notes to Fox v. The Bishop of Chester.

<sup>(</sup>z) Hare v. Bickley, Plowd. 528.

character since his ordination, or having, with reference to the presentation, been knowingly party or privy to any transaction or agreement which is invalid under the Benefices Act, 1898.

Notice before institution.

One month's notice of any proposed collation, institution, or admittance to a benefice by the bishop must be served on the churchwardens of the parish and must be published by the churchwardens (a).

Appeals.

Appeals from a bishop's refusal to institute a presentee lie to a court consisting of the archbishop of the province and a judge of the Superior Court nominated by the Lord Chancellor from time to time. On any such appeal the judge is to decide all questions of law and to find the facts and the archbishop is to give judgment in accordance with the law and facts so found. The judgment is final (b).

Induction.

Induction is similar to the livery of seisin on a feoffment, and by it the clerk is invested with the temporalities or profits of the benefice and full possession of the church. On induction, but not before, the clerk may grant or lease, or claim a freehold in, or bring an action to recover, any of the temporalities (c).

Formalities required on presentation to a living.

On presentation to a living, the instrument of presentation, the clerk's orders of deacon and priest, testimonials of his former good life and behaviour, and if he come out of another diocese, then a testimonial from the bishop

<sup>(</sup>a) The Benefices Act, 1898, s. 2, sub-s. 2.

<sup>(</sup>b) Ibid. s. 3.

<sup>(</sup>c) Tudor's Leading Cases, 4th ed. p. 839, notes to For v. The Bishop of Chester.

or ordinary of the diocese or place from whence he comes, must be left with the bishop, who, after due examination of the clerk, institutes him if he be found worthy of the ministry (d). No special time is limited for these inquiries. The clerk presented has also to make a declaration under the Benefices Act, 1898.

In the case of Heywood v. The Bishop of Manchester (f), the Bishop of Manchester refused to institute a clerk, on the ground that he had, whilst acting as a curate to a former holder of the benefice, habitually committed offences against ecclesiastical law and failed to observe the Book of Common Prayer by wearing unlawful vestments and doing unlawful acts in respect of matters of ritual when officiating in the communion service; and that he declined to undertake not to repeat the offences in the future. In an action against the Bishop, in which the patron claimed a declaration that he was entitled to have the clerk instituted, it was held that the defendant had acted within his discretion in refusing to institute the clerk upon the above grounds.

The clerk instituted then pays, or compounds for the payment of, the first-fruits (g) at the office of first-fruits,

<sup>(</sup>d) Can. 39.

<sup>(</sup>f) 12 Q. B. D. 404.

<sup>(</sup>g) First-fruits and tenths were originally payments made to the Pope as head of the Church. They were annexed to the Crown, as head of the Church, in the reign of Henry VIII. By 2 & 3 Anne, c. 11, the revenues accruing from first-fruits and tenths are vested in trustees for ever, to form a perpetual fund for the augmentation

unless the benefice be discharged from such payment. The mandate of induction is directed to some person who inducts the clerk.

The clerk must read the Common Prayer, and declare assent and consent within two months next after actual possession, according to the statute 13 & 14 Car. II. c. 4, s. 6, unless dispensed with by the ordinary upon some lawful impediment.

He must also make a declaration in the church that he will conform to the Liturgy of the Church of England as it is by law established; and after such declaration read the certificate of his having subscribed it before the bishop. These to be done within three months after institution.

In addition to this, he must read the Thirty-nine Articles in time of common prayer, with declaration of his unfeigned assent thereunto, within two months after induction (h).

In an advowson presentative the right of presentation,

Devolution of the right of presentation in an advowson presentative;

once it has accrued due (that is, when the living has become vacant), is a personal chattel; and when the vacancy occurs before the death of the patron, the right to present will descend to his executors, and not to his heir-at-law (i). In an advowson donative, however, the right of presentation formerly went to the heir-at-law

in an advowson donative

of poor livings. This is usually called Queen Anne's Bounty. See hereon, Steph. Com. 13th ed. vol. ii. p. 462.

- (h) Appendix to Bacon's Liber Regis, ed. 1786.
- (i) Steph. Com. 7th ed. vol. ii. p. 717.

even although the lapse has occurred in the lifetime of the intestate (k).

Aliens were formerly unable to exercise the rights of Aliens. a patron over a living, the right of presentation going to the Crown, but this disability appears to have been removed by a recent statute (m). Persons professing the Roman Roman Catholic faith are still unable to present to a living, the right of presentation being in such cases given to the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge (n). Where one of two tenants in common of an advowson is a Protestant and the other a Papist, the right of presentation devolves on the Protestant alone (o).

Where a person professing the Jewish religion holds Persons proany office in the gift of the Crown to which the right of Jewish faith. presentation to an ecclesiastical benefice attaches, such right devolves on the Archbishop of Canterbury (p).

It appears that the *patron* of a living may present Patron may himself, but the more legal and proper way is to make self;

- (k) Repington v. The Governors of Tamworth School, 2 Wilson, 150; 8 Bing. 563. But see s. 12 of the Benefices Act, 1898.
- (m) 33 Vict. c. 14, s. 2; Tudor's Leading Cases, 4th ed. p. 836, notes to Fox v. The Bishop of Chester.
- (n) 1 Will. & Mary, c. 26. See also 3 Jac. I. c. 5; 12 Anne, stat. 2, c. 14; 11 Geo. II. c. 17. In Boyer v. The Bishop of Norwich, [1892] A. C. 417, it was held that a presentation to a benefice made by a college on the presentation of a Roman Catholic patron was void. In that case it appeared on the face of the presentation that it was made not in right of the college, but in trust for the Roman Catholic patron.
  - (o) Edwards v. The Bishop of Exeter, 5 Bing. N. C. 652.
  - (p) 21 & 22 Vict. c. 49, s. 4.

of next presentation.

over the right to some other person before the avoidance, but not owner by whom the presentation should be made (q). owner of the next presentation cannot, however, present himself (r). The purchase of an estate for life in an advowson, however, is not a purchase of a next presentation, and the purchaser may present himself on the next avoidance (s).

Descent of advowsons.

Advowsons are incorporeal hereditaments, and on intestacy descend to the heir, and are real assets in his hands for payment of the debts of the intestate (t).

Lapse.

If the patron does not present to the living within a limited time, the right of presentation lapses to the ordinary (or bishop); if the bishop does not present the right lapses to the metropolitan (archbishop), and, on the metropolitan's neglect, to the Crown.

Time within which presentation must be made-six calendar months.

The term after which the title to present by lapse accrues from one to the other respectively is six calendar months, or 182 days, exclusive of the days of the avoidance (u).

- (q) Burn's Ecclesiastical Law, 9th ed. vol. i. p. 145, tit. "Benefice."
- (r) 12 Anne, stat. 2, c. 12, s. 2.
- (8) Walsh v. The Bishop of Lincoln, 10 C. P. 518. When the clerk is himself the patron, he cannot sue the ordinary at the same time in quare impedit and in duplex querela, but must elect which remedy he will take: Ibid.
- (t) Robinson v. Tonge, Str. 879; Viner, Assets, A. 28; 3 Br. P. C. 550.
- (u) In the case of a first or second presentation by a patron to the same vacancy, the time between a presentation and refusal by the bishop to induct under the Benefices Act and the time while an appeal is pending does not count: The Benefices Act, 1898, s. 5.

The bishop has not a double time allowed in respect of The bishop is advowsons to which he collates.

The patron's right to present is not extinguished by advowsons the lapse to the bishop, and the latter will be compelled to institute a clerk presented by the patron, unless he has already collated to it. The patron has the same right guished by lapse to bishop if the presentation has lapsed to the archbishop. Where, however, the right has lapsed to the Crown, the patron completely loses his right to the presentation. The right of the bishop and archbishop is completely lost if they do sentation of not exercise it within the limited time.

Time runs as against the patron from the concurrence they lapse. of the vacancy when it arises from death, or by reason of plurality (x); but where the vacancy occurs by resignating against the patron. tion or canonical deprivation, or (except in the case of an ecclesiastical patron) where the clerk presented is refused for insufficiency, the bishop must give notice of the vacancy or insufficiency to the patron, and the six months only dates from the giving of such notice.

Where the right of presentation is contested by action, Where right no lapse occurs until the question is decided (y).

tested. An infant, whatever is his age, presents by himself, Infant patron. not by his guardian (z). In the case of a lunatic the Lunatic. Lord Chancellor presents (a). Joint tenants must concur Joint tenants.

- (x) As to plurality, see post, p. 82.
- (y) Steph. Com. 13th ed. vol. ii. p. 635.
- (z) Shoplane v. Roydler, Cro. Jac. 98; Co. Litt. 17 b, 89 a; Hearle v. Greenbank, 3 Atk. 710.
- (a) Tudor's Leading Cases, 4th ed. pp. 831, 833, notes to Fox v. The Bishop of Chester.

not allowed double time in respect of collative. Patron's right of presentation not extinor archbishop; but right is extinguished by lapse to the Crown. Rights of prebishop and archbishop are lost if From what period time runs against

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in presentation, but if they present different clerks, the bishop may refuse any one of them, or refuse all. Partition may, however, be made of the advowson by the joint tenants presenting in turns (b).

Coparceners.

Coparceners, if they cannot agree to present jointly, present in turns, the law giving the right to each according to seniority, and the right to the first presentation goes to the issue (c) or grantee of the eldest sister (d).

Simony.

Simony is the corrupt presentation of any person to any ecclesiastical benefice, for money, gift, or reward (e).

Punishment for simony.

The statute 31 Eliz. c. 6, provides that if any patron presents for money, reward, or promise of money or reward, to any ecclesiastical benefice or dignity, both giver and taker shall forfeit two years' value of the benefice or dignity, one moiety to the Crown and the other to any person who will sue for the same, and such presentation shall be void, and the presentee rendered incapable of ever enjoying the same benefice, and the Crown shall present to it that turn (f).

Plurality.

Plurality, or the holding of more than one benefice, was expressly forbidden by the Common Law, and the clerk accepting a second benefice with cure of souls was condemned to lose the first (y). It is now, however,

More than

<sup>(</sup>b) Tudor's Leading Cases, 4th ed. p. 831, notes to Fox v. The Bishop of Chester.

<sup>(</sup>c) Gully v. Bishop of Exeter, 10 B. & C. 584.

<sup>(</sup>d) Barker and Cooke v. The Bishop of London, Willes, Rep. 659.

<sup>(</sup>e) Steph. Com. 13th ed. vol. ii. p. 635.

<sup>(</sup>f) 31 Eliz. c. 6, ss. 5, 6.

<sup>(</sup>g) Hughes, c. 16; Gibs. 903.

provided by statute that no spiritual person may hold two benefices more than two benefices, or one benefice and one together; cathedral preferment, at the same time (h). An exception the tion is, however, made in the case of an archdeacon, archdeacon. who may hold two benefices in addition to the archdeaconry (i).

The churches of the two benefices held together must Condition be within three miles of one another by the nearest two benefices road (k), and the annual value of one of them must not together. exceed £100 (l). The incumbent of a benefice with a Value. population of more than 3,000 persons cannot hold there- Population. with any benefice having a population of more than 500 persons (the population is ascertained from the latest parliamentary returns (m)). Before any spiritual person Licence. can accept a second benefice, a licence or dispensation must be obtained from the Archbishop of Canterbury (n). On any admission to a new benefice, or preferment con- Admission to trary to the above provisions, every benefice or preferment trary to the previously held becomes ipso facto void as if the holder any former had resigned (o).

benefice constatute makes benefice held by the clerk vacant.

bonds.

Resignation bonds are bonds given on account of an Resignation agreement to resign a benefice when another person

- (i) 1 & 2 Vict. c. 106, s. 2.
- (k) Ibid. s. 129.
- (l) 13 & 14 Vict. c. 98, ss. 1, 2.
- (m) 1 & 2 Viet. c. 106, s. 130.
- (n) Ibid. s. 6.
- (o) Ibid. s. 11; and 13 & 14 Vict. c. 98, s. 7.

<sup>(</sup>h) 1 & 2 Vict. c. 106, s. 2; and see also the Pluralities Amendment Act, 1885 (48 & 49 Vict. c. 54), and the Pluralities Act, 1887 (50 & 51 Vict. c. 68).

specially named shall become qualified to take the same. These bonds were originally illegal (p), but have now, subject to certain conditions, been made legal by the

Essentials of validity.

9 Geo. IV. c. 94 (q). To be valid the bond must be (1) entered into before the presentation, nomination, or collation of the person entering into it (r); (2) it must be made in favour of one or two persons specially named and described in the bond; (3) where made in favour of two persons, each of them must be, either by blood, or marriage, an uncle, son, grandson, brother, nephew, or grand-nephew of the patron or one of the patrons (patron here means the person who has the beneficial right to Bond must be the patronage, and not a mere trustee (s)). One part of the bond must be deposited with the registrar of the diocese or peculiar within two calendar months of its

deposited with the registrar of the diocese.

date (t).

Resignation must refer to the bond.

Presentation must take place within six months resignation.

Any resignation made in pursuance of an agreement to resign must refer to the agreement, and state the name of the person for whose benefit it is made; the resignation is void unless the person named is presented within six calendar months after notice of the resignation has been after notice of given to the patron (u).

- (p) The Bishop of London v. Ffytche, 2 Bro. P. C. 211; Fletcher v. Lord Sondes, 5 B. & A. 835; on appeal, 3 Bing. Rep. 598; 1 Bligh (N.S.) 144.
- (q) As to such agreements made prior to the 9th of April, 1827, see 7 & 8 Geo. IV. c. 25.
- . (r) 9 Geo. IV. c. 94, s. 1.
  - (s) Ibid. s. 2.
  - (t) Ibid. s. 4.
  - (u) Ibid. s. 5.

Exchanges of advowsons and rights of patronage may be effected through the Ecclesiastical Commissioners.

Where the patron is a corporation sole or aggregate, the consent of the bishop is required. If the bishop is himself the patron the consent of the archbishop must be given (x).

(x) See 6 & 7 Will. IV. c. 77; 4 & 5 Vict. c. 39, s. 22; 16 & 17 Vict. c. 50; 23 & 24 Vict. c. 124, s. 42; 31 & 32 Vict. c. 114, s. 12; 33 & 34 Vict. c. 39.

## CHURCH LANDS.

Lands, in whom vested.

THE freehold of the lands of the church is vested in the holder or holders (in their corporate capacity), for the time being, of the ecclesiastical offices to which such lands are attached (y). The fee simple is in abeyance (z).

Freehold of chancel and churchyard.

The freehold of the chancel is in the rector, whether ecclesiastical or lay, and he is under the obligation of repairing it, unless exonerated by express custom. In the case of Morley v. Leacroft (a), a lay rector was admonished for failing to repair the chancel, and ordered to pay the costs of a criminal suit against him. In vicarages the churchyard is the vicar's freehold (b). Where the rector is a layman, that is, when the living has been appropriated, he is entitled to the chief seat in the chancel (c), but cannot make a vault or affix a tablet in the chancel without

- (y) Corporations are artificial persons created by the law, and endowed by it with the capacity of perpetual succession. They consist of collective bodies of men or of single individuals: the first are called corporations aggregate; the second, corporations sole. The existence of corporations is constantly maintained by the succession of new individuals in the place of those who die or are removed: Steph. Com. 13th ed. vol. iii. p. 2.
  - (z) See Litt. s. 645; Bract. 1, 4, tr. 5, c. 1. Co. Litt. 341 a.
  - (a) [1896] P. 92.
- (b) Wats. C. L. 391; Champneys v. Arrowsmith, L. R. 2 C. P. 602; 3 C. P. 107.
- (c) His right to the chief "seat" seems clear; whether this means "pew," i.e. seat for himself and others, does not appear to be so clear. See Stileman-Gibbard v. Fletcher, [1897] 1 Q. B. 749.

the consent of the ordinary (d). The right of possession of the church is, however, in the minister and churchwardens, and trespass cannot be maintained against them by the lay rector for breaking open a door leading from the churchyard into the chancel (e).

In Churton v. Trewen (f), a lord of a manor (although not lay rector) successfully claimed the chancel of a church by proof of immemorial use and occupation with reparation. The chancel was in this case shown to be an ancient private chapel, erected by the lord of the manor, and the Court held that the immemorial use and occupation and reparation were sufficient to uphold the claim by prescription.

The Court has only jurisdiction in a criminal suit Jurisdiction against a lay rector for non-repair of the chancel, where rector. the chancel is out of repair at the time of the institution of the suit (g).

The property of an ecclesiastical corporation generally official includes an official residence, in which the holder of the office is bound to reside, and from which he must not absent himself "for any period exceeding the space of three months together, or to be accounted at several times, in any one year," under penalty of forfeiting one-third part of the annual value of the benefice where his absence absence. exceeds three months but does not exceed six months;

residence. Incumbent must not absent himself from official residence for more than three months in the year. Penalty for

<sup>(</sup>d) Cripps' Church Law, 6th ed. p. 393; Griffin v. Deighton, 33 L. J. Q. B. 181.

<sup>(</sup>e) Griffin v. Deighton, 33 L. J. Q. B. 181.

<sup>(</sup>f) 2 Eq. 634.

<sup>(</sup>g) Neville v. Kirby, [1898] P. 160.

one-half where the absence exceeds six months but not eight months; two-thirds where it exceeds eight months; and three-fourths where the absence is for the whole year (h).

Except where resident at another benefice; or by licence of the bishop.

Such forfeiture does not occur if such spiritual person is resident at some other benefice of which he is possessed (i), and a licence or exemption may be granted by the bishop to reside in some other house (k). By various statutes the profits of the benefice may be mortgaged to raise the necessary funds for repairing or rebuilding the residence, or providing a new one (l).

Charging lands with money borrowed for benefit of benefice.

Lands held in right of a church, chapel, or other ecclesiastical benefice may be charged with money borrowed for the improvement of such lands (m), but the sanction of the Inclosure Commissioners for England and Wales must be obtained to such charge, and such sanction cannot be given unless and until the patron of the benefice and the bishop of the diocese signify to the Commissioners, by

- (h) 1 & 2 Vict. c. 106, s. 32. In addition to these penalties, the Act contains powers for enforcing residence by monition and sequestration of the benefice, and by the compulsory appointment of a curate.
- (i) As to the holding of two benefices, see Plurality, ante, Ch. Advowsons.
  - (k) 1 & 2 Viet. c. 106, ss. 32, 33.
- (l) See herein statutes 17 Geo. III. c. 53; 1 & 2 Vict. cc. 23, 106; 5 & 6 Vict. c. 26; 19 & 20 Vict. c. 50.
- (m) See 27 & 28 Vict. c. 114. There are other Acts which have been passed, as local and personal Acts, constituting companies with power to advance money for the improvement of ecclesiastical lands, and whereby incumbents can charge their lands with money borrowed for that purpose: see 47 & 48 Vict. c. 67.

writing under their hands, their consent respectively to the application for the Commissioners' sanction (n).

The glebe is the land which is attached to a church for The glebe. the support of the priest serving it. Formerly a church could not be consecrated without an endowment in land, and hence all ancient churches have a glebe (o). Although the freehold of the glebe vests in the incumbent for the Glebe vests in time being as a corporation sole, he is regarded by the for the time law as a tenant for life, and is prevented from alienating poration sole; the estate. If the glebe lands are retained in the posses-but incumbent sion of the incumbent, he may cultivate them in the way he mit waste. pleases (p), but he cannot commit waste of any kind (q).

the incumbent being as a cor-

The incumbent of a living cannot open mines without Opening the consent of the patron and ordinary (r). It is very doubtful whether he can do so with such consent (s). In the case of Bartlett v. Phillips (t), the coal under parts of the glebe had at different times since 1756 been obtained, with the consent of the vicars for the time being, by the persons working adjoining collieries, and royalties had

<sup>(</sup>n) The Improvement of Lands (Ecclesiastical Benefices) Act, 1884 (47 & 48 Vict. c. 67).

<sup>(</sup>o) Gleba est terra in qua consistit dos ecclesia; Com. Dig. Dismes, B. 2; Lind. 254.

<sup>(</sup>p) Bird v. Relfe, 4 B. & Ad. 826; 5 Ad. & Ell. 773; 1 Nev. & Mann. 415.

<sup>(</sup>q) Knight v. Moseley, Amb. 176; Huntley v. Russell, 13 Ad. & E. 572.

<sup>(</sup>r) Holden v. Weekes, 1 J. & H. 278; 6 Jur. (N.S.) 1288; 30 L. J. Ch. 35.

<sup>(8)</sup> Phillimore's Ecclesiastical Law, 2nd ed. 1257.

<sup>(</sup>t) 4 De G. & J. 414.

been paid to the vicars for the right of working. The working had been conducted solely by underground tunnels, and the surface of the glebe had not been entered upon. In 1844 the then vicar made a lease demising the minerals in the glebe to a company, one of the conditions of the lease being that the surface of the glebe should not be broken. The Lords Justices on these facts decided that the mines were not old ones previously opened; that the vicar had no right to receive the royalties, and that the royalties must be invested for the permanent benefit of the living. Glebe lands can be sold under the provisions of the Glebe Lands Act, 1888. The sale has to be approved by the Land Commissioners after notice to the bishop and patron. The purchase-money is invested in the name of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners. and the income applied in the same way as the income of the land sold.

Timber for repairs.

It appears that where an ecclesiastical body has the right to fell timber for the repairs of its buildings, it is not bound to use the specific timber, if grown upon land belonging to the corporation, very distant from the place where it is intended to be used—e.g., eighteen miles away(u).

A vicar has not, however, any right to sell timber to make a general repairing fund (x).

 <sup>(</sup>u) Wither v. The Dean and Chapter of Winchester, 3 Mer. 421.
 See, however, The Duke of Marlborough v. St. John, 5 De G. & Sm. 154; 21 L. J. Ch. 381; 16 Jur. 310.

<sup>(</sup>x) See remarks of Lord Hardwicke in *Knight* v. *Moseley*, Amb. 176; Phillimore's Ecclesiastical Law, 2nd ed. 1258.

A vicar is entitled to cut timber for proper and necessary Timber. repairs for the vicarage-house, buildings, and premises (y).

The glebe lands and building may be leased by the Lease of incumbent for any term not exceeding fourteen years, or twenty years where the tenant covenants for improvements (z).

The lease, which must be at the best rent and made Requisites of without fine, must take effect in possession and not in Rent. reversion or by way of future interest. The patron of Must take the benefice, bishop of the diocese, and, if the lands are possession. copyholds, the lord of the maner (where a lease cannot be made without his consent) must all consent to the lease and join in the deed.

effect in

The covenants to be contained in the lease are expressly Covenants. laid down by the Act, and include covenants for insurance and repairs (z).

The parsonage-house and offices and ten acres of glebe Cannot lease situate most conveniently for cocupation cannot be house, &c. leased (a). If there be not ten acres of glebe within five miles of the parsonage, or of the church where there is no parsonage, the whole of the land within that distance must be reserved (a).

The parsonage-house or residence and buildings may, Parsonagehowever, be let under an agreement (b); but where any let under a spiritual person may be required, by order of the bishop ment. of the diocese, to reside in the parsonage-house or resi-

house may be special agree-

- (y) Sowerby v. Fryer, 8 Eq. 417.
- (z) 5 & 6 Viet. c. 27, s. 1.

(a) Ibid. s. 2.

(b) A licence for non-residence will of course be necessary unless the incumbent resides at another benefice.

dence, or where it may be assigned by the bishop as a residence for any curate, the agreement must be in writing, and must contain a condition for avoiding the same upon a copy of the order of the bishop being served upon the occupier. If these conditions are not complied with, the agreement is null and void (e).

Building, mining leases. The glebe lands may also be let by the incumbent (with the consent of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, patron, and, if they are of copyhold tenure, of the lord of the manor) for terms not exceeding ninety-nine years for a building lease, sixty years for a mining lease, leases of water-courses, way-leaves, railroads, and other like easements (f).

Widow may use residence for two calendar months after husband's death.

The widow of any spiritual person holding any benefice to which a house of residence is annexed, and in which he was residing at the time of his death, is entitled to occupy such house—and the curtilage and garden belonging to it—for any period not exceeding two calendar months after her husband's decease (g).

Parishioners have the right of burial in the churchyard.

The churchyard, like the glebe, is vested in the incumbent for the time being of the parish (h). The freehold is in the rector, the fee being in abeyance; but the fee is vested in the rector for the use (in so far as may be required) of the parishioners. Subject to the use of the parishioners, the rector is entitled to receive the profits arising from the churchyard. The rector cannot make

Churchyard.

- (e) 1 & 2 Vict. c. 106, s. 59.
- (f) 5 & 6 Vict. c. 108, ss. 1, 4, 6; 21 & 22 Vict. c. 57.
- (g) 1 & 2 Vict. c. 106, s. 36.
- (h) Attorney-General v. Ruper, 2 P. Wms. 125.

any appropriation of the soil of the churchyard; such appropriation can only be made by faculty (i). The incumbent is not entitled to demise rights over the churchyard with the consent of the patron of the living and the Ecclesiastical Commissioners under the Ecclesiastical Leasing Acts, 1842 and 1858 (k), as these Acts are limited in their operation to the glebe lands and property of that description, and do not extend to the churchyard (1). All parishioners have the right of being buried in the churchyard of their own parish, and this without the leave of the incumbent (m); this right is Right extends extended to the bodies of all persons "cast on shore from on shore, &c. the sea, in case of wreck or otherwise" (n), and the right extends not only to dead human bodies found in or cast on shore from the sea by wreck or otherwise, but also to any dead human body or dead human bodies found in or cast on shore from any tidal or navigable waters, or found floating or sunken in such waters, and brought on to the shore or bank thereof (o). The right of burial also applies as a moral claim to all strangers, although the last have no legal claim (p). A vicar of a parish may

<sup>(</sup>i) Rector, &c. of St. Gabriel, Fenchurch Street v. City of London Real Property Co., [1896] P. 95.

<sup>(</sup>k) 5 & 6 Viet. c. 108; and 21 & 22 Viet. c. 57.

<sup>(1)</sup> Rector, &c. of St. Gabriel, Fenchurch Street v. City of London Real Property Co., [1896] P. 95, 101.

<sup>(</sup>m) Maidment v. Malpas, 1 Hagg. Cons. 205, 208; Gilbert v. Buzzard and Boyer, 2 Hagg. Cons. 333, 348.

<sup>(</sup>n) 48 Geo. III. c. 75.

<sup>(</sup>o) 49 Vict. c. 20.

<sup>(</sup>p) Kempe v. Wickes, 3 Phil. 265, 274.

make a special contract for the payment of a fee, other than the customary burial fee, for the burial of a non-parishioner in a particular vault in the parish church (q).

Right of burial includes that of having the service of the church. Exceptions. The right of burial includes that of being buried in accordance with the customs of the Church of England, except in cases of persons who "die unbaptized or excommunicate, or have laid violent hands upon themselves" (r).

Burials Act, 1880.

It was, until the Burials Amendment Act, 1880 (s), illegal for a layman, or for any one else, unless lawfully authorized, to read, or assist in reading, a burial service in consecrated ground over a dead body (t).

By that Act, however, burials may take place in churchyards or graveyards without the rites of the Church of England. The burial may take place either with or without any religious service; such service may be conducted by any person having charge of the burial.

A minister of the Church of England may officiate with the service of the Church of England in unconsecrated ground.

In cases where the office for the burial of the dead may not be used, or in any other case at the request of the relative, friend, or legal representative of the deceased having charge of the funeral, a minister of the Church

<sup>(</sup>q) Neville v. Bridger, 9 Ex. 214; Ex p. Blackmore, 1 B. & Ad. 122.

<sup>(</sup>r) First rubric of the burial office. Persons dying in a state of intoxication have a right to burial.

<sup>•(</sup>s) 43 & 44 Vict. c. 41.

<sup>(</sup>t) Johnson v. Friend and Ballard, 6 Jur. (N.S.) 280.

of England may use such service, consisting of prayers taken from the Book of Common Prayer, and portions of the Scriptures, as the ordinary may prescribe or approve (u).

The Act contains provisions for the burial of paupers, and the registration of burials under it.

It is not lawful to erect any buildings upon any Disused disused burial ground, except for the purpose of enlarging grounds. a church, chapel, meeting-house, or other place of worship (x). The rebuilding and extension by way of enalarging a largement of schools and a parish hall erected on a school; disused burial ground, and which were used for mission services for adults and children, and which it was intended to use when rebuilt for the same purposes supplemental to the services of the parish church, was held to come within the above exception (y). These restrictions on building do not apply to any burial-ground sold or disposed of under the authority of Parliament (z).

A faculty can be granted allowing a portion of a for widening disused burial ground to be used for the widening of a street. street (a).

Exchange of benefice by incumbents must be made Exchange of benefices—

- (u) 43 & 44 Viet. c. 41, ss. 1, 6, 12.
- (x) The Disused Burial Grounds Act, 1884 (47 & 48 Viet. c. 7), s. 3.
  - (y) St. James the Less, Bethnal Green, [1898] P. 55.
- (z) The Disused Burial Grounds Act, 1884 (47 & 48 Vict. c. 7), s. 5. See as to the construction of this Act, St. Saviour's Rectory and Oyler, 31 Ch. D. 412. The decision of Bacon, V.C., was
- afterwards affirmed by the Court of Appeal.

  (a) Re Bideford Parish, [1900] P. 314.

how effected. with the licence of the ordinary. Such exchanges are effected by an instrument in writing executed by both parties agreeing on the exchange, in pursuance of which both benefices are then resigned to the ordinary. There appears to be an implied condition on such exchange that the resignation shall be of no effect unless the exchange be fully executed (b). An agreement on an exchange that no payment for dilapidations should be made on either side is not simoniacal (c).

Implied condition on exchange.

Dilapidations.

The incumbent is bound to keep the buildings of the benefice, including the parsonage-house and, unless there is a lay rector, the chancel, in good repair (d). The duties of incumbent as regards repairs have been consolidated and codified by "The Dilapidations Act, 1871" (e). Under this Act either the incumbent himself or the archdeacon, the rural dean, or patron of the benefice, may apply to the bishop of the diocese for an inspection of the buildings. The bishop may then order an inspection to be made by the diocesan surveyor. A copy of such complaint must be forwarded by the bishop to the incumbent, or the sequestrator where the living has been

"Dilapidations Act, 1871." Persons entitled to apply for an inspection of the buildings.

Surveyor's report.

- (b) Burn's Ecclesiastical Law, 9th ed. vol. ii. p. 238, tit. "Exchange;" Perks, s. 288; Downes v. Craig, 9 M. & W. 166. See contrà, however, Rumsey v. Nicholl, 2 C. P. D. 179, 294.
  - (c) Wright v. Davies, 1 C. P. D. 638.
- (d) This obligation only extends to buildings, and does not extend to waste committed in digging gravel in the glebe: Rose v. Adcock, 3 C. P. 655.
- (e) 34 & 35 Vict. c. 43. This statute is slightly altered and amended by statute 35 & 36 Viet. c. 96.

sequestrated, a month before the inspection is ordered (f). The surveyor reports (1) what repairs are necessary; (2) their probable cost; and (3) when they ought to be executed (q). The incumbent, or the sequestrator, if any, may then object to the report. If no objections are made, the report is final. When objections are made, the report, as modified by the bishop's decision, is final (h). If the incumbent fails to carry out the repairs within the Remedy by prescribed time, the bishop may raise the necessary funds if the incumby sequestration of the benefice (i). Where the repairs carry out have been completed to the satisfaction of the surveyor Certificate of the incumbent is entitled to a certificate, which exempts him from all liability to a further survey or report for five years, and if he vacates the benefice within that period exempts him and his personal representative from all claims for dilapidations except for wilful waste (k). But to secure himself from loss or damage arising from Insurance fire within the five years, the incumbent must have insured the house and building belonging to the benefice to at least three-fifths of their value before the certificate is filed, and must continue the insurance.

repairs. due repairs.

against fire.

On the decease of an incumbent his representatives Liability of

- (f) 34 & 35 Vict. c. 43, s. 12.
- (g) Ibid. s. 15.
- (h) Ibid. s. 16.
- (i) Ibid. s. 23. The sequestrator has no authority to expend on repairs out of the proceeds of the benefice a larger sum than that estimated as necessary by the surveyor's report, and if he makes a larger expenditure the surplus will be disallowed: Kimber v. Paravicini, 15 Q. B. D. 222.
  - (k) 34 & 35 Vict. c. 43, s. 47.

of incumbent for dilapidations.

representative are not liable on any claims for dilapidations if he holds a certificate of a diocesan surveyor granted within five years of his decease, unless for wilful waste or damage by fire when he is not properly insured (1). In cases where no such certificate has been granted, his representatives are liable for dilapidations, but the claim must in every case be founded on a report of the diocesan surveyor (m). On any vacancy (except where a certificate of repairs

granted within five years is held) through death or

Inspection on vacancy.

> otherwise, an inspection by the diocesan surveyor must be directed by the bishop within three months of its occurrence, and objections may be taken to it both by the new incumbent and the one who is leaving the benefice, or by the representatives of the deceased incumbent (n). The sum ordered to be paid for dilapidations is recoverable as a debt due from the representatives of the late incumbent to the new one (o). The incumbent is required to insure all the buildings belonging to the benefice in some insurance office satisfactory to the Governors of Queen Anne's Bounty, in the names of himself and such governors, to at least three-fifths of its value, and to produce the receipts for the premiums on the visitation of the bishop or archdeacon (p). Where any building is

to be paid for dilapidations recoverable as a debt.

Sum ordered

Insurance.

Money paid

<sup>(</sup>l) 34 & 35 Vict. c. 43, s. 47.

<sup>(</sup>m) Ibid. s. 53.

<sup>(</sup>n) Ibid. ss. 29, 32. The provision as to time is directory only, and a direction by the bishop to inspect and report made more than three months after the avoidance of the benefice is valid: Caldon v. Pixell, 2 C. P. D. 562.

<sup>(</sup>o) 34 & 35 Vict. c. 43, s. 60.

<sup>(</sup>p) Ibid. ss. 54, 55.

destroyed by fire, and the insurance company elect to pay under insurthe money instead of reinstating the building, the money applied. is paid to the Governors of Queen Anne's Bounty and applied in making the repairs (q). The incumbent has to Incumbent make up any deficiency in the money recovered on the deficiency of insurance (r).

must make up insurance.

The statutory debt for dilapidations under the Ecclesiastical Dilapidations Act, 1871, is provable against the estate of a deceased incumbent dying insolvent pari passu with other debts (s).

It is provided by 29 & 30 Vict. c. 111, s. 12, that no Claims by archbishop or bishop succeeding to a see shall have any or bishops to claim against his predecessor therein, or his representatives, in respect of dilapidation on the estate forming the endowment of such see; but all claims, rights, remedies, and powers of recovery which the archbishop or bishop so succeeding as aforesaid would legally have had against his predecessor or his representatives in respect of dilapidations shall belong to and be possessed by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, and may be enforced and exercised on their behalf by the Estates Committee; but the section is not to extend to the case of any dilapidations occurring in or about the house or houses of residence belonging to any see, or in or about the appurtenances of any such house or houses.

archbishops dilapidations.

<sup>(</sup>q) Ibid. s. 56.

<sup>(</sup>r) Ibid. s. 57.

<sup>(</sup>s) Re Monk, Wayman v. Monk, 35 Ch. D. 583.

### TITHES.

Tithes.

Tithes, or the tenth part of the income of property, were given by law to the Church during the Saxon period, and appear before that time to have been paid voluntarily by the laity (t).

Out of what payable.

Tithes are only payable out of such things as yield a yearly increase by the act of God (u), such as grain, fruit, cattle, and underwood, and, as a general rule, are payable only once in a year (x). By the Common Law tithes are not payable for things fera natura, for animals kept for pleasure or curiosity, or for things of the substance of the earth, such as minerals, bricks, tiles, earthen pots, &c. (y). Certain religious orders were also privileged to hold their lands exempt from tithes (z), and on the dis-

Things excepted from payment of tithes by the Common Law.

Exemption of lands of certain religious orders.

- (t) As to the early history of tithes, see Prideaux on Tithes, pp. 165—167; Burn's Ecclesiastical Law, 9th ed. vol. iii. p. 679, tit. "Tithes."
  - (u) 1 Rolle's Abr. 641.
- (x) Both these rules are subject to exceptions, as, for instance, tithe is due of saffron, though gathered but once in three years. Seeds which are sown upon the same ground, and renewed oftener than once in the same year, e.g., clover, pay tithes as often as they are renewed: Phillimore's Ecclesiastical Law, 2nd ed. p. 1150.
  - (y) 2 Inst. 651.
- (z) These religious orders were the Cistercians, Templars, Hospitalers, and Præmonstratenses. By the Council of Lateran held in the year 1215, only those lands were exempted from tithes

solution of the monasteries this exemption was expressly reserved to the Crown and its grantees (a) in some, but not all cases. The monasteries which were so dissolved, Exemption and whose lands were still to continue exempt from while lands tithes, are set out in a schedule to the statute 31 possession of Hen. VIII. c. 13. These lands, except in the case of the king, are free from the payment of tithes only so long as they are in the hands and manurance of their owners (b).

Tithes are divided into prædial, mixed, and personal.

"Prædial tithes are such as arise merely and imme-Prædial diately from the ground, as grain of all sorts, hav, wood, fruits, herbs."

Mixed tithes are those which arise "from things im- Mixed tithes. mediately nourished by the ground, as by means of goods depastured thereupon, or otherwise nourished with the fruits thereof: as colts, calves, lambs, chickens, milk, cheese, and eggs."

Personal tithes are such profits as do arise by the Personal personal labour and industry of a man, being the tenth part of the clear gain, after charges deducted (c).

Tithes are again divided into great and small. Great tithes are ordinarily corn, hay, and wood.

Great and small tithes.

which were in the occupation or possession of the religious house before that Council: Burn's Ecclesiastical Law, 9th ed. vol. iii. p. 668, tit. "Tithes."

- (a) 31 Hen. VIII. c. 13, s. 21.
- (b) Comyns, p. 498; Fox v. Bardwell E., 8 Geo. II.; Wood, bk. 2,
  - (c) Burn's Ecclesiastical Law, 9th ed. vol. iii. p. 680, tit. "Tithes."

Small tithes are the prædial tithes of other kinds, together with the personal and mixed tithes (d).

Personal tithes appear to have fallen into disuse (e).

Tithe Commutation Acts.

The right to tithes has now been changed into a rentcharge, varying every year, according to the price of corn(f). The rent-charge payable in lieu of tithes is not by the statute rendered a charge on the inheritance, and the owner of the rent-charge is not entitled to claim a sale of the lands in order to recover the arrears of his rent-charge (g). By the Tithe Commutation Acts, provision is made for the merger of the tithes or rent-charge in the land, by which the tithes or rentcharge may at once be made to cease whenever both tithes or rent-charges, and the land out of which they are By whom and payable, belong to the same person (h). This merger may be effected by any tenant in fee or in tail of the

Merger of tithes in the land from which they issue.

how merger may be effected.

- (d) Burn's Ecclesiastical Law, 9th ed. vol. iii. p. 680, tit. "Tithes." When the living is appropriated, the lay rector is entitled to the great, and the vicar to the small tithes.
- (e) Burn's Ecclesiastical Law, 9th ed. vol. iii. p. 716, tit. "Tithes." Tithes paid for mills are included in the Tithe Commutation Act.
- (f) This is ascertained from an advertisement published in the London Gazette, in the month of January every year, of the Government average price of corn for the seven years last preceding: 6 & 7 Will. IV. c. 71, s. 56.
- (g) Bailey v. Badham, 30 Ch. D. 84. As to power of a titheowner to sell for the purpose of raising not exceeding two years' arrears, see 6 & 7 Will. IV. c. 71, ss. 81, 82.
- (h) The Tithe Commutation Acts are—6 & 7 Will. IV. c. 71; 7 Will. IV. & 1 Viet. c. 69; 1 & 2 Viet. c. 64; 2 & 3 Viet. c. 32; 3 & 4 Viet. c. 15; 5 & 6 Viet. c. 54; 9 & 10 Viet. c. 73; 10 & 11 Vict. c. 104; 23 & 24 Vict. c. 93; 36 & 37 Vict. c. 42; 41 & 42 Viet. c. 42: 48 & 49 Viet. c. 32.

tithes, or by any person having a power of appointment Tithes may in over the fee simple of the tithes, or where the tithes and commuted for the lands out of which they are payable are both settled a rent-charge, to the same uses by a tenant for life in possession; also by the owner of the glebe in some cases (i). The merger is carried out by a deed or declaration under the hand or seal of the person by whom it is to be made, confirmed by the seal of the Tithe Commissioners (k).

some cases be land in lieu of

The parson of the parish is rated in respect of the tithes, or payments in lieu of tithes, which he is entitled to receive (l).

Prior to the Tithe Act, 1891, the tithe rent-charge Tithe was recovered by distress if in arrear for twenty-one formerly days after any half-yearly day of payment. Not more distress. than two years' arrears could be recovered by distress (m). And it is assumed that not more than two years' arrears can now be recovered, although the Tithes Act, 1891, is not altogether clear on the point (n).

By the Tithe Act, 1891, tithe rent-charge issuing out Liability of

<sup>(</sup>i) 6 & 7 Will. IV. c. 71, s. 71; 1 & 2 Vict. c. 64; 2 & 3 Vict. c. 62, s. 1; 9 & 10 Viet. c. 73, s. 19.

<sup>(</sup>k) 6 & 7 Will. IV. c. 71, s. 71.

<sup>(1)</sup> See 43 Eliz. c. 2, and 3 & 4 Vict. c. 89. In R. v. Christopherson, 16 Q. B. D. 7, under the provisions of a local Act, the rector of Falmouth received annually the proceeds of a rate, called the rector's rate, made upon the owners of houses, shops, warehouses, cellars, and out-houses. It was held that the rector was not rateable to the poor rate in respect of the amount so received, the same not being in lieu of tithes.

<sup>(</sup>m) 6 & 7 Will. IV. c. 71, ss. 81 and 82.

<sup>(</sup>n) But see s. 2, sub-s. 2, of the Tithe Act, 1891.

owner to pay tithe rent-charge, and modification of contracts with tenants.

of lands is payable by the owner of the lands, notwithstanding any contract between him and the occupier of such lands, and any contract made between an occupier and owner of lands, after the passing of this Act, for the payment of the tithe rent-charge by the occupier shall be void (o).

The Act contains provisions for the adjustment of rights under contracts made before the passing of the Act under which the occupier is liable to pay the tithe rent-charge (p), but except in such cases the only method of enforcing payment of tithe rent-charge is now as follows:

Recovery of tithe rentcharge through

Where any sum due on account of tithe rent-charge issuing out of any lands is in arrear for not less than County Court. three months, the person entitled to such sum may, whatever is the amount, apply to the County Court of the district in which the lands or any part thereof are situate, and the County Court, after such service on the owner of the lands as may be prescribed (q), and after hearing such owner if he appears and desires to be heard, may order that the said sum, or such part thereof as appears to the Court to be due, be, together with the costs, recovered in manner provided by the Act, and tithe rent-charge as defined by the Act shall not be recovered in any other manner (r).

- (o) The Tithe Act, 1891, s. 1, sub-s. 1. The sections of this Act are given as nearly as possible in the words of the Act.
  - (p) See s. 1, sub-s. 2 & 3, and s. 2, sub-s. 6.
  - (q) By rules made under the Act, see s. 3.
- (r) S. 2, sub-s. 1. See also s. 10, sub-s. 4, and the Queen v. Paterson, [1895] 1 Q. B. 31.

Where it is shown to the Court that the lands are occupied by the owner thereof, the order shall be executed by the appointment by the Court of an officer who, subject to the direction of the Court, shall have the like powers of distraint for the recovery of the sum ordered to be paid as are conferred by the Tithe Acts on the owner of a tithe rent-charge for the recovery of arrears of tithe rent-charge, and no greater or other powers; and if there is no sufficient distress the person entitled to the sum ordered to be recovered may proceed to obtain possession of the lands under section eighty-two of the Tithe Act, 1836 (s).

In any other case the order shall be executed by the 6 & 7 Will. IV. appointment by the Court of a receiver of the rents and profits of the lands, and of any other lands which would be liable to be distrained upon for the tithe rent-charge to which the order refers under the provisions of section eighty-five of the Tithe Act, 1836, and where any of such lands are held at one rent together with other lands in another parish, the Court shall apportion the rent between the said lands and the lands in the other parish in proportion to their rateable value, in which case the payment of such apportioned rent by the occupier to the receiver shall in every respect, as between the occupier and the owner of the lands, be

<sup>(</sup>s) Under this section possession of the land can be held until not exceeding two years' arrears (prior to the time of taking possession) are recovered.

deemed to be a payment on account of the total rent payable to the owner of such lands (t).

No personal liability to pay tithe rent-charge.

51 & 52 Viet. c. 43. The Act does not impose or constitute any personal liability upon any occupier or owner of lands for the payment of any tithe rent-charge, or any other sum recoverable or payable under the Act, and the Court has not any power to imprison any such occupier or owner by reason only of the non-payment of such tithe rent-charge or other sum (u).

Lands occupied rent free, &c.

Where a receiver appointed under this Act of the rents and profits of any lands satisfies the County Court that the lands are let on such terms as not to reserve a rent sufficient to enable the receiver to recover from the owner thereof the sum ordered to be recovered, the Court, after such service on the owner and occupier of the lands as may be prescribed, and after hearing such owner and occupier if they appear and desire to be heard, may direct that the order for such recovery shall be executed as if the occupier were the owner of the lands: Provided that any such occupier shall be entitled in addition to any other remedy, unless he would have been liable to pay the tithe rent-charge under any contract made before the passing of the Act, to deduct from any sums at any time becoming due from him to the landlord under whom he holds, any amount which shall have been recovered from him under this section in respect of tithe rent-charge or costs, with

<sup>(</sup>t) S. 2, sub-s. 3.

<sup>(</sup>u) S. 2, sub-s. 9.

interest thereon at the rate of four per cent. per annum: Provided further, that such occupier shall be entitled, notwithstanding anything in the Act, to recover from such landlord by action at law any such amount which shall have been recovered from him under this section as aforesaid as money paid on the account of such landlord (x).

An application to a County Court for an order under Restrictions this Act may be made on behalf of the tithe-owner by as to costs. his agent, although not a solicitor (y).

On any application to a County Court for an order under this Act, no costs either of a solicitor or of a witness shall be allowed in any case where the amount claimed is paid without further proceedings, nor where notice of intention to apply for time to pay the titheowner's claim has been given (except in cases where costs could be allowed by the Court on a judgment summons), and when notice of opposition has been given within the prescribed time, the costs of a solicitor shall only be allowed for work done subsequent to the notice (z).

An appeal lies from the judge of the County Court Power of to the High Court; the procedure is the same as on appeals from inferior Courts to the High Court (a).

Where a sum is claimed on account of tithe rent- Remission of

<sup>(</sup>x) The Tithe Act, 1891, s. 4.

<sup>(</sup>y) Ibid. s. 5, sub-s. 1.

<sup>(</sup>z) Ibid. s. 5, sub-s. 2.

<sup>(</sup>a) Ibid. s. 7.

tithe rentcharge when exceeding two-thirds annual value of land. 16 & 17 Vict. c. 34.

charge issuing out of any lands, and the County Court is satisfied that, if the sum claimed is paid, the total amount paid on account of the tithe rent-charge for the period of twelve months next preceding the day on which the sum claimed became payable, will exceed two-thirds of the annual value of the lands as ascertained and entered in the assessment for the purpose of Schedule B. to the Income Tax Act, 1853, the Court shall order the remission of so much, whether the whole or part of the sum claimed, as is equal to the excess, and the amount so ordered to be remitted shall not be recoverable; and if the Court is satisfied that neither such remission, nor the liability thereto, has been taken into account in estimating the rateable value of the tithe rent-charge, the Court may remit such amount of any then current rate assessed on the owner of the tithe rent-charge as appears to the Court to be proportionate to the amount of the remission of tithe rent-charge (b). The Act also contains provisions for the determination of the annual value of lands which are assessed with other lands (c).

The Commissioners of Taxes shall on demand and payment of one shilling give a certificate of the amount of the annual value of any lands under this section.

Where it appears from any award that a special apportionment has been made in pursuance of section

<sup>(</sup>b) The Tithe Act, 1891, s. 8, sub-s. 1.

<sup>(</sup>c) Ibid. s. 8, sub-s. 2.

fifty-eight of the Tithe Act, 1836, whereby tithe rent- 6 & 7 Will. IV. charge has been charged specially upon certain closes of land in different proportions, and to the exclusion of certain of them, the Court shall not grant a remission under this section unless satisfied that the applicant would have been entitled to such remission if no such special apportionment had been made.

Where two or more tithe rent-charges issue out of the same lands, and a remission of tithe rent-charge has been made by a County Court under this section, the amount paid by the owner of the lands on account of tithe rent-charge shall be divided between the owners of such tithe rent-charges in proportion to the amount thereof as fixed by the apportionment or any altered apportionment.

This provision only applies to lands used solely for agricultural or pastoral purposes or for the growth of timber or underwood (d).

The Ecclesiastical Courts cannot try the right to tithes, Right to unless between the clergy themselves, and can only compel be tried by the payment when the right is not disputed (e).

The provisions of the Tithe Commutation Acts do not, Tithe Comunless by special provision inserted in the parochial do not, in agreement, extend to Easter offerings, mortuaries, or special surplice fees, or to the tithes of fish or of fishing, or to extend to any personal tithes other than the tithes of mills, or any ings, &c. mineral tithes (f).

tithes cannot Ecclesiastical Courts.

mutation Acts absence of agreement, Easter offer-

<sup>(</sup>d) The Tithe Act, 1891, s. 8, sub-s. 8.

<sup>(</sup>e) Dale's Clergyman's Legal Handbook, 4th ed. p. 171.

<sup>(</sup>f) 6 & 7 Will. IV. c. 71, s. 90. As to the recovery of small

Tithes in London.

Tithes in the City of London are a customary rentcharge, assessed on each house in proportion to the rent (g).

They are payable even if the houses liable be empty, and are levied on the goods of the succeeding occupier (h).

The incumbents of the fifty-one churches destroyed or injured by the great fire have a fixed annual sum in lieu of tithes, being an equal pound-rate on the parishioners (i).

Extraordinary tithes. It was provided by the Tithe Commutation Act (k), ss. 40 and 42, that the tithe on hop-grounds, orchards, or market gardens were to be separately valued by the Commissioners, and a separate tithe rent-charge apportioned on them within a particular district, and that the amount of rent-charge payable in respect of such hop-grounds, orchards, or market gardens should be divided into two parts, the one called the ordinary charge, and the other the extraordinary charge. Both the ordinary and extraordinary charge were paid whilst the land was cultivated with hops, or as an orchard or gardens; but if the lands ceased to be so cultivated, then the ordinary charge only was payable. Lands newly cultivated as hop-grounds or

tithes and Easter offerings, see *post*, chapter on Pensions, Fees, and Offerings.

- (g) See 37 Hen. VIII. c. 12, and decree made thereunder. See also hereon Esdaile v. Payne (No. 1), 52 L. T. 530; 33 W. R. 864.
  - (h) Ex parte Savage and Ex parte Wood, 3 Atk. 639.
  - (i) 22 & 23 Car. II. c. 15.
- (k) 6 & 7 Will. IV. c. 71. See also 2 & 3 Vict. c. 62, ss. 27, 33; 3 & 4 Vict. c. 15, ss. 18, 19; 23 & 24 Vict. c. 93, ss. 42, 43; and 36 & 37 Vict. c. 42.

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market gardens became chargeable with the same extraordinary charge as other lands so cultivated in the same district. This additional charge, however, in the case of lands newly brought into cultivation as hop-gardens or market gardens, was not payable during the first year after the change in cultivation, and only half the additional amount during the second year after such change.

By the Tithe Commutation Acts Amendment Act, 1873 (l), the provisions of the Tithe Commutation Act as to market gardens newly cultivated were limited to parishes in which an extraordinary charge for market gardens was distinguished at the time of commutation.

By the Extraordinary Tithe Redemption Act, 1886 (m), the whole law as to extraordinary tithes is altered and modified. It provides, by s. 1, that from the date of its passing (the 25th of June, 1886), no extraordinary charge shall be charged or levied under the Tithe Commutation Acts on any hop-ground, orchard, fruit plantation, or market garden newly cultivated as such after the passing of the Act.

By s. 2 the Land Commissioners for England are required, as soon as may be after the passing of the Act, to ascertain, in each parish in England and Wales, and certify the capital value of the extraordinary charge on each farm, or, where not a farm, on each parcel of land in respect of which the said charge is payable. In estimating the capital value, the Commissioners are to take

<sup>(</sup>l) 36 & 37 Viet. c. 42.

<sup>(</sup>m) 49 & 50 Viet. c. 54.

into consideration the net annual value of the charge after allowing for the expenses of collection, rates, taxes (except income-tax), and other outgoings, the value of the land subject to the charge, the length of time during which the charge has been paid, the prospect of the continuance or discontinuance of the special cultivation, the right of the cultivator to discontinue such special cultivation at any time and thereby to cause the suspension of the charge, the prospect of the substitution of other land on the same farm for such cultivation notwithstanding the provisions of s. 1 of the Act, and any other special circumstances applicable to the farm or parcel of land under consideration. The Commissioners, if so advised or requested, are to hear evidence on behalf of the land-owner, the tithe-payer, and the tithe-owner.

The Commissioners are to determine and certify under their seal the capital value of the charge. When the tithe-owner is absolutely entitled to the charge in fee simple in possession, or is empowered to dispose of it absolutely, or to give an absolute discharge for the capital value, the Commissioners may, on the joint application of the tithe-owner, the tithe-payer, and the land-owner, or of the tithe-owner and the land-owner in cases where the last named is also the tithe-payer, certify such amount as may be agreed on between them to be the capital value of the charge included in the application (n). Land in respect of which extraordinary charge is payable, so soon as the capital value of the

charge has been certified becomes charged with the payment of an annual rent-charge equal to 4 per cent. on such capital value, in lieu of the extraordinary charge. The extraordinary charge ceases on the half-yearly day of payment which immediately precedes the date of the certificate, and the rent-charge becomes a charge on the particular farm or parcel of land in respect of which it has been assessed (o).

The Commissioners may exonerate the whole or part of the land from the charge, and may substitute other land for the land exonerated. The land subject to the rent-charge must, in the opinion of the Commissioners, be equal to at least three times the annual value of the rent-charge (p).

The rent-charge is payable half-yearly on the days on which the extraordinary charge was payable. It has priority over all existing and future estates, interests, and incumbrances whatsoever. It is payable to the person who would (but for the Act) be entitled to receive the extraordinary charge. In default of payment, it can be recovered by action in the High Court or a County Court, in the same way as tithe rent-charge can be recovered and subject to the same conditions, or it can be recovered by entry upon, and perception of the rents and profits of, the land subject to such rent-charge. The rent-charge is not subject to any parochial, county, or other rate, charge, or assessment (q).

(o) S. 4, sub-s. 1. (p) S. 4, sub-s. 2. 
$$(q) \ \, \text{S. 4, sub-ss. 3, 4, 5.}$$

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The rent-charge may be redeemed by the owner of, or any person interested in, the land charged, on payment of the capital value of the extraordinary charge.

- (a) Where the person entitled to the charge is the incumbent of a benefice, the money has to be paid to the Governors of Queen Anne's Bounty.
- (b) Where the person entitled to the charge is absolutely entitled thereto in fee simple in possession, or is empowered to dispose thereof absolutely, or to give an absolute discharge for it, one month's notice has to be given to such person, and the money may then be tendered to him.
- (c) In any other case the money may be paid into the Bank of England, to be placed to the account of the Paymaster-General, in the matter of land-owner and tithe-owner (naming them) and in the matter of the Act.

On proof of payment or tender as aforesaid being made to the Commissioners, they are to certify that the charge has been redeemed. Their certificate is final and conclusive (r).

(r) S. 5, sub-s. 5.

## PENSIONS, OFFERINGS, AND FEES.

Besides the glebe and tithes, there are various other sources from which the income of ecclesiastical persons may arise.

The chief of these are pensions, offerings, and fees.

Pensions are sums of money paid to clergymen in lieu Pensionsof tithes. Such payments may either be due by virtue of how they some decree by an Ecclesiastical Judge in some dispute relating to tithes, in which the tithes have been decreed to be due to one, and a pension instead thereof to be paid to another; or they may have arisen by virtue of a deed made by consent of the parson, patron, or ordinary (s).

Offerings, oblations, and obventions are identical terms. Offerings, As existing at the present day, offerings may be divided obventions. into mortuaries or offerings at the burial of the dead, and offerings at the four great feasts (t).

Mortuaries or corse-presents are dues given by the Mortuaries. special custom of certain places on the death of a person residing in the parish. By the 21 Hen. VIII. c. 6, s. 3, "No person is to pay mortuaries in more places than one, that is to say, in the place of their most dwelling and habitation, and then but one mortuary."

- (8) Phillimore's Ecclesiastical Law, 2nd ed. p. 1238.
- (t) The four offering days are Christmas, Easter, Whitsuntide, and the feast of the dedication of the parish church.

Mortuaries can be sued Courts; cannot be recovered before justices.

Mortuaries can be sued for in the spiritual Courts. for in spritual It appears to be a most point whether they can be recovered at Law or in Equity (u). They are not within the 7 & 8 Will. III. c. 6, s. 2, by which small tithes and offerings are to be recovered before justices (x).

Easter offerings.

Easter offerings are directed by the rubric (y), and are due, not by custom only, but by common right, at the rate of 2d. per head for every member of each householder's family of sixteen years and upwards (z), but by custom the amount may be larger (a).

Other offerings.

Offerings may also be due at the other three feasts, Christmas, Whitsuntide, and the feast of the dedication of the church (b).

Surplice fees.

Surplice fees are the fees payable to the minister for performing certain offices of the church for the benefit of

- (u) Manby v. Curtis, 2 Price, 284; 3 E. & Y. 733.
- (x) Ayrton v. Abbott, 14 Q. B. 1. Where a person dies not worth more than 10 marks (a mark is 13s. 4d.) in movable goods, no mortuary is payable; from 10 marks to 30l., 3s. 4d.; from 30l. to 40l., 6s. 8d.; exceeding 40l., 10s. No more than 10s. can be taken as a mortuary: 21 Hen. VIII. c. 6, ss. 2, 3.
- (y) "Yearly at Easter, every parishioner shall reckon with the parson, vicar, or curate, or his or their deputy or deputies, and pay to them or him all ecclesiastical duties, accustomably due, then and at that time to be paid."-Rubric at the end of the Communion Office.
- (z) Lawrence v. Jones, Bunb. 173; 2 Sw. 662; 1 E. & Y. 801, 818; Carthew v. Edwards, Amb. 72; Gw. 826; 2 E. & Y. 818. See also The Queen v. Hall, L. R. 1 Q. B. 632.
- (a) Burn's Ecclesiastical Law, 9th ed. vol. iii. p. 37, tit. "Offerings." For an instance of Easter offerings being due by custom, see The Queen v. Hall, L. R. 1 Q. B. 632.
  - (b) Phillimore's Ecclesiastical Law, 2nd ed. p. 1243.

individuals, such as fees on marriages, churchings, and burials.

The better opinion appears always to have been that No fee due on baptism, no fee was due on baptism, but any doubts on the subject have been laid at rest by a recent Act, which makes it unlawful for any fee or reward to be demanded for the celebration of this Sacrament (c).

The fee for marriage is to be the "accustomed duty to Fee on the priest or clerk" (d), and by an old provincial constitution (e) it is enacted that matrimony shall not be hindered "upon the account of any sum of money." The Court of Exchequer Chamber on appeal held that a 13s, held to marriage fee of 13s., of which 10s, was for the rector a fee. and 3s, for the clerk, was unreasonable on account of its large amount (f).

Fees are not usually paid by parishioners on burial, Burial fees—not usually paid by special custom (g). They paid by parishioners are payable, however, in the case of strangers, as it is the parishioners alone who have a legal claim to burial in the churchyard (h). There is no mention of the use of coffins Coffins. in the funeral service of the Church of England, and funerals were anciently coffined and uncoffined. Lord Stowell, in the case of Gilbert v. Buzzard (i), came to the

- (c) 35 & 36 Viet. c. 36.
- (d) Rubric, Marriage Service.
- (e) Constitution of Canterbury, A.D. 1222, Langton; Lindw. 278.
- (f) Bryant v. Foote, L. R. 2 Q. B. 63; 3 Q. B. (Ex. Ch.) 497.
- (g) Topsal v. Ferrers, Hob. 175.
- (h) Kemp v. Wickes, 3 Phill. Rep. 264.
- (i) 2 Hagg. Cons. 333.

conclusion "that it was recognized as not unjust, that where the deceased, by the use of his coffin, took a longer occupancy of the ground, he should compensate the parish by an increased payment" (k).

General fees.

Besides the fees due to the clergy for their spiritual ministrations, which come under the head of surplice fees, there are other fees payable to them for acts done or authorized by them in virtue of their office.

Fees on searches for baptisms, burials, marriages, &c. The chief of these are for searches of the register books in their keeping of baptisms and burials (l), marriages (m), and making the duplicate register of marriage for the Superintendent Registrar (n).

- (k) 2 Hagg. Cons. 347. In a recent case, Williams v. Williams, 20 Ch. D. 659, a testator directed his friend, a Miss Williams, by a codicil to his will, to burn his body after his death, and also directed his executors to pay Miss Williams the cost of so doing. The executors buried the body, and afterwards Miss Williams obtained an order for the removal of the body from the Secretary of State, on the representation that she intended to bury it in consecrated ground. She took the body to Italy, where it was cremated, and she then brought an action against the executors for the costs incurred in the cremation. Mr. Justice Kay decided that the executors had a right to the body, that their duty was to bury it, that the direction to burn the body could not be enforced, and that Miss Williams was not entitled to the costs of the cremation.
  - (l) 52 Geo. III. c. 146, s. 16.
- (m) Searches for marriages are to be charged as follows:—"For every search extending over a period of not more than one year, the sum of 1s., and 6d. additional for every additional year, and the sum of 2s. 6d. for every single certificate": 6 & 7 Will. IV. c. 86, s. 35.
- (n) The payment for this is at the rate of 6d. per entry: 1 Vict. c. 22. s. 27.

It appears questionable whether the rector or vicar can Fees on the claim fees for the erection of gravestones and monuments monuments, in churchyards, or tablets or vaults in a church (o). Monuments both inside the church (p) and in the churchyard and vaults require a faculty for their erection (q), and such faculty is usually only granted with the consent of the incumbent (r), although the Court has power to grant the faculty even if the rector dissent. The rule to be gathered from the case appears to be that the incumbent may prescribe his own reasonable terms for consenting to the application, or if an accustomed fee has been paid for his consent such fee may be claimed under the custom (s).

vaults, &c.

Small tithes or compositions for them, where the Recovery of amount recoverable from one person does not exceed 10l., under 10l., and offerings can only be recovered by application to two or more justices (t).

small tithes and offerings.

- (o) Phillimore's Ecclesiastical Law, 2nd ed. p. 692.
- (p) Maidman v. Malpas, 1 Consist. Rep. 208.
- (q) It is questionable whether flat tombstones in the churchyard come under this rule. See remarks of Lord Stowell in Maidman v. Malpas, supra.
  - (r) Maidman v. Malpas, 1 Consist. Rep. 208.
  - (s) Rich v. Bushnell, 4 Hagg. 164.
- (t) 7 & 8 Will, III. c. 6; 53 Geo. III. c. 127, s. 64; 5 & 6 Will. IV. c. 74. A special procedure is provided in the case of Quakers by these Acts. Mortuaries are not included in these Acts, and cannot be recovered before justices: Aurton v. Abbott, 14 Q. B. 1.



# PART III.

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#### INTRODUCTION.

THE jurisdiction of the Ecclesiastical Courts has been The jurisdicconsiderably limited by recent Acts (a), which have deprived Ecclesiastical them of all power over testamentary and matrimonial causes (b).

Proceedings in the Ecclesiastical Courts are of two sorts, civil and criminal. Civil suits are brought in Civil suits. respect of rights partly of a civil and partly of a spiritual character (c), and are limited to subjects connected with the moral principles or the legal establishment of the Church.

Ordinary instances of civil suits are suits for the per-Instances. turbation of a pew or church seat, the subtraction of church rates, and the granting of faculties (d). Criminal Criminal suits are proceedings to punish and reclaim a sinful offender, by judicial admonition or an infliction of the severer censure of the Church. They include church

- (a) The Court of Probate Act, 1857 (20 & 21 Vict. c. 77), amended by 21 & 22 Vict. c. 95; and the Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Act, 1857 (20 & 21 Viet. c. 85).
- (b) The jurisdiction over testamentary and matrimonial causes formerly exercised by the Ecclesiastical Courts is now vested in the Probate, Divorce, and Admiralty Division of the High Court of Justice.
  - (c) Report of Ecclesiastical Commissioners, February 15, 1832.
  - (d) See Coote's Ecclesiastical Practice, p. 260.

discipline (e) and the correction of all offences of a spiritual kind (f).

Criminal suits purport to be brought *pro salute animæ*, and are directed to the reformation of the offender's manners and excesses (g).

Criminal jurisdiction over the laity.

The criminal jurisdiction over the laity has been considerably limited by various statutes (h), but, although fallen into disuse, it still exists to correct gross instances of immorality, and offences against the sanctity of a parish church or churchyard; to enforce the keeping up of the church and churchyard and the decent performance of divine service; and to punish any interference with, or contempt of the power of, the ordinary (i).

Pleadings governed by Canon and Statute Law. The pleadings and principal steps in an action are governed by the Canon and Statute Law, and are the same in all the Courts having ecclesiastical jurisdiction.

- (e) Actions against clerks in holy orders are specially provided for by the Church Discipline Act, as to which see *post*, chapter on that Act.
  - (f) Report of Ecclesiastical Commissioners, February 15, 1832.
  - (g) Coote's Ecclesiastical Practice, p. 104.
- (h) The Ecclesiastical Courts formerly entertained suits for defamation in the case where the spiritual offence of incontinence was wrongfully imputed; but by 18 & 19 Vict. c. 41, the jurisdiction in the matter was abolished; and proceedings against laymen in the Ecclesiastical Courts for incontinency itself have, in modern times, been out of use. The jurisdiction for "brawling" against persons not in holy orders was taken away by 23 & 24 Vict. c. 32, s. 1, and a remedy given for indecent behaviour in places of public worship by way of summary conviction before two justices. The Act applies as well to persons in holy orders as to laymen: Vallancey v. Fletcher, [1897] 1 Q. B. 265.
  - (i) See Coote's Ecclesiastical Practice, p. 145.

But each Court has special rules and regulations of its Rules vary in own, regulating the proceedings before it, and limiting the time allowed for the various steps. The Rules of the Rules of Arches Court, as being by far the most important of all Court of Arches. the Ecclesiastical Courts, are printed in full in a subsequent part of this work (j). In the case of *Phillimore* v. Machon (1 P. D. 481) it was decided that the Arches Court has no jurisdiction to entertain a suit by letters of request against a layman for falsely swearing before a surrogate to an affidavit to lead to the issue of a marriage licence.

An important distinction between suits in the Eccle- Object of the siastical Courts and the Courts of Common Law and changed. Equity is, that the original object of a suit may be changed, and assume, in the conclusion, an entirely different shape from that in which it was instituted. Thus under the old practice, a wife might have sued for a restitution of conjugal rights, and the defence of the husband might have been that she had been guilty of adultery, and, if he succeeded, the sentence would have been a divorce à mensa et thoro against the wife (k).

Proceedings in the Ecclesiastical Courts may at the Three classes present time be divided into three classes ings-

of proceed-

- 1. General proceedings, embracing both civil and general; criminal suits.
- 2. Proceedings under the Clergy Discipline Act, under Clergy

<sup>(</sup>j) See Appendix.

<sup>(</sup>k) Burn's Ecclesiastical Law, 9th ed. vol. iii. p. 183, tit. "Practice."

Discipline Act;

1892 (l), and the Church Discipline Act (m). All criminal proceedings against clerks in holy orders come under these Acts.

under Public Worship Regulation Act. 3. Proceedings under the Public Worship Regulation Act, 1874 (n), for enforcing the due performance of divine service.

Each of these modes of procedure is dealt with separately in the following pages.

- (l) 55 & 56 Vict. c. 32.
- (m) 3 & 4 Vict. c. 86.
- (n) 37 & 38 Viet. c. 85.

#### PROCEDURE GENERALLY.

THE proceedings in civil and criminal suits are in the Proceedings main the same. They have, however, some important criminal suits differences which must be borne in mind, the chief of the main. which are as follows:--

First. The criminal suits are open to any person, and may be commenced by a person whether he has any right to be protected or not, e.g., by a dissenter (o), while civil person. suits can only be brought by a person showing some only open to interest to be protected by the suit (p). In the case of have a right Kensit v. St. Ethelburga, Bishopsgate Within (q), the plaintiff took a room in the parish, and procured his name to be placed on the rate-book for the parish solely for the purpose of enabling him to bring a civil suit. It was held that he had a sufficient interest to promote a cause of faculty for the removal from the parish church of unlawful ornaments. In criminal suits the "office of the judge" is Office of judge promoted, that is, the proceedings are taken nominally in criminal suits, the name and under the sanction of some bishop (r). The i.e., must be bishop may refuse his sanction (s), but, if he give it, he sanction of

the same in Differences between civil and criminal Criminal suits open to any Civil suits those who to protect.

bishop.

- (o) Mastin v. Escott, 2 Curt. 692; 4 Moo. P. C. 104; 1 Notes of Cases, 552. See also Titchmarsh v. Chapman, 3 Notes of Cases, 387.
- (p) Turner v. Meyers, 1 Hagg. Cons. 415, n.; Phillimore's Ecclesiastical Law, 2nd ed. p. 956.
  - (q) [1900] P. 80. See also Davey v. Hinde, [1901] P. 95.
  - (r) Brice's Public Worship, p. 340.
  - (8) Martin v. Mackonochie, L. R. 2 Adm. & Eccl. 123.

control over proceedings, which do not abate by his death, &c.

Bishop has no has no control over the proceedings (t). The suit does not abate by the death of the bishop or by his resignation of his see, but the title of the case in each case must be changed (u). Where the promoter dies, a proper person may be substituted in his place to carry on the suit (x).

Differences in pleadings.

Secondly. The first plea in a civil suit is called the libel, while in criminal suits it is styled the articles. civil suits the plaintiff can require personal answers on oath from the defendant, i.e., require him to admit facts in his knowledge, whereas the defendant cannot be called upon to answer in a criminal suit.

Proceedings against a clergyman regulated by Church Discipline Act.

Thirdly. When criminal proceedings are taken against a person in holy orders, the proceedings are taken under the Church Discipline Act, or the Clergy Discipline Act, 1892(y).

Modes of commencing suits.

Both kinds of suits may be commenced in three ways, viz., by citation, by decree, and by monition. A fourth way, by act on petition, is practically only applicable to civil suits.

Citation.

The most usual method is by citation, which is a writ or order issuing from the Court, commanding the parties therein mentioned to appear and submit themselves to the judgment of the Court, or to show cause why they should not do so (z).

- (t) Maidman v. Malpas, 1 Hagg. Cons. 205, 208.
- (u) Bishop of Winchester v. Wix, L. R. 3 Adm. & Eccl. 19, 22.
- (x) Elphinstone v. Purchas, L. R. 3 P. C. 245.
- (y) 3 & 4 Vict. c. 86. See post, chapter on those Acts.
- (z) Brice's Public Worship, p. 327.

### It must contain—

What it must contain.

- 1. The names of the judge, plaintiff, and defendant.
- 2. The commission of the judge, if he be a delegate; and if he be an ordinary judge, then the style of the Court in which he is judge.
- 3. The residence and diocese of the defendant.
- 4. The cause of action and the interest of the plaintiff (a).
- 5. The time and place of appearance (b).

A monition is also sometimes used for commencing Monitionproceedings. In such case the monition operates both as a citation and a monition—as a citation by ordering the party complained of to appear, and as a monition by ordering some act to be done (d). Monitions are fre-examples of quently used where personal answers are required—for it is used. example, to churchwardens to hold a vestry, or to a clergyman to reside (e).

In Fagge v. Lee (f) the Dean of Arches decided that a monition calling upon the churchwardens of a parish to remove certain alleged unlawful ornaments in the parish

- (a) In a citation in a criminal suit it is not necessary to show the interest of the plaintiff.
  - (b) Phillimore's Ecclesiastical Law, 2nd ed. p. 982.
  - (d.) Fagge v. Lee, L. R. 4 Adm. & Eccl. 135, 141.
  - (e) Phillimore's Ecclesiastical Law, 2nd ed. p. 1004.
- (f) L. R. 6 P. C. 38; L. R. 4 Adm. & Eccl. 135; affirmed 30 L. T. (N. S.) 801; Hopper v. Davis, 1 Lee, 640; Reg. v. Bishop of Chichester, 2 E. & E. 209; 29 L. J. Q. B. 23. See also Brice's Public Worship, p. 326.

church, or to appear and show cause against such removal, must disclose on its face such an interest in the person at whose instance it issued as would have enabled him to institute and carry on a civil suit commenced in the ordinary way by citation, and must therefore contain an allegation that the party taking proceedings has the status of a parishioner in the parish (f).

Difference between a citation and monition.

The difference between a citation and a monition is that the former requires some person to appear, while the latter is for the performance of some act.

Act on petition.

The act on petition or act of Court is a process used for the adjudication of incidental subjects which arise during the progress of a suit, or after its determination, such as the taxation of costs between party and party; or on a preliminary matter, such as a question of domicile; or an appearance under protest (g).

Matters cannot be introduced in opposition to allegations of principal cause. Wrong description of

party or judge

No matter can be introduced into the act on petition in opposition to an allegation in the principal cause (i).

The citation of a party by a wrong Christian name was held to be sufficient where there was no doubt as to the in the citation. identity of the party (k), but a wrong description of the

- (f) See note (f), ante, p. 129.
  - (g) Phillimore's Ecclesiastical Law, 2nd ed. p. 964.
- (i) Dysart v. Dysart, 2 Notes of Cases, 16, 17, per Dr. Lushington.
- (k) Phillimore's Ecclesiastical Law, 2nd ed. p. 964, and cases there cited.

judge either by his name or title, is fatal to the citation, and to all proceedings founded on it (1).

The execution of all writs has to be certified by a Certificate of memorandum indorsed on the instrument, signed by the writs. officer or person by whom service was effected. This certificate sets forth the day and place of service, and is verified by an affidavit, also indorsed on the writ (m).

The citation must be personally served, if possible. Where personal service cannot be effected, proof of that fact is made by affidavit, and the citation is returned into Court. A decree called a decree viis et modis then issues, Service viis which is served personally, if possible. If it cannot be served personally, it is served by being left at the house or last-known residence, or fastened on the church door, and by all ways and means likely to affect the party with the knowledge of its contents; the decree is then returned into Court with a certificate of the means which have been taken for service (n).

A personal service may conclude both the party and Difference the Court, but a service viis et modis is a constructive sonal service service, and concludes the party, but does not conclude viis et modis. the Court; and the Court on good and sufficient grounds may open proceedings to get at the substantial justice of the case (o).

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- (1) Phillimore's Ecclesiastical Law, 2nd ed. p. 984, and cases there cited.
  - (m) Coote's Ecclesiastical Practice, p. 153.
  - (n) Phillimore's Ecclesiastical Law, 2nd ed. p. 984.
  - (o) In the Goods of Thomas Robinson, 3 Phill. 511.

Appearance under protest.

If the party cited disputes the jurisdiction of the Court, he should appear under protest. The preliminary objection is heard upon act on petition. If successful, the protest is allowed, and defendant is dismissed; if unsuccessful, he is ordered to appear absolutely. Costs are in such cases usually given against the unsuccessful party.

Pleas.

The pleadings vary according to the description of the cause. In civil proceedings the first plea is called the "libel," while in a criminal suit it is called the " articles " (p).

The libel.

The libel is a declaration or charge drawn up in writing on the part of the plaintiff which the defendant is obliged to answer (q). It, in fact, corresponds with the statement of claim in the Common Law or Chancery Divisions (r).

The articles are so called because they run in the

Articles.

name of the judge who articles and objects to the acts complained of. The articles cannot go beyond the citation, nor can the Court go beyond the particular Effect of error offence charged (s). The promoter is bound to give a correct copy of the articles to the defendant, and an error in this copy is as fatal to the suit as an error in the

in copy of articles.

- (p) The times within which the various steps in the cause must be taken are regulated by the Rules of the particular Court. As to the various times in the Court of Arches, see the Rules of that Court, printed in the Appendix.
  - (q) Phillimore's Ecclesiastical Law, 2nd ed. p. 990.
- (r) In testamentary causes this first plea was called an allegation: Burn's Ecclesiastical Law, 9th ed. vol. iii. p. 188, tit. "Practice."
  - (8) Phillimore's Ecclesiastical Law, 2nd ed. p. 993.

original (t). As a general rule, articles must be brought When in on the court-day immediately subsequent to that on which the defendant has appeared (u).

In criminal suits the whole transaction complained of Whole transaction should should be fairly and candidly stated at the commence- be fairly ment of the proceedings, in order that the judge may mencement of have an opportunity of considering whether it is one which he ought to allow, and the defendant may be enabled to give an affirmative issue, i.e., admit the facts to be true (x). If the articles contain a substantive Where Court charge, the Court is bound to admit them, and cannot admit them. listen to a suggestion that they do not truly detail the circumstances (y).

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Before a plea of any kind, whether articles, libel, or Parties may object to allegation, is admitted, the adverse party may object to pleadings before they its admission, either in the whole or in part—in the are adwhole, on the ground that the facts, if taken to be true, in the whole, will not entitle the party setting up the plea to the demand claimed or defence set up; in part, if any of or in part. the facts pleaded are irrelevant to the matter in issue, or could not be proved by admissible evidence, or are incapable of proof. Either party has, in fact, the same right

<sup>(</sup>t) Williams v. Bott, 1 Consist. 1; and Thorpe v. Mansell, cited in note.

<sup>(</sup>u) Phillimore's Ecclesiastical Law, 2nd ed. p. 992.

<sup>(</sup>x) Lee v. Mathews, 3 Hagg. Eccl. 169; Schultes v. Hodgson, 2 Add. 416.

<sup>(</sup>y) Burn's Ecclesiastical Law, 9th ed. vol. iii. p. 284, tit. "Practice."

to object to the other's pleading as he formerly had to demur in the Common Law or Chancery Divisions.

The justice of a previous conviction will not be

Where the articles allege against the clerk a conviction for some misconduct before some competent Court, the enquired into. clerk cannot by his plea deny the offence for which he was convicted, and demand that the Ecclesiastical Court shall inquire into the whole facts de novo. The Court has jurisdiction over the clerk on account of the scandal caused by the conviction for purposes of suspension and deprivation, and will not retry the case to consider whether the conviction was right or not(z).

Objections are argued before the judge.

Sometimes part only of a pleading is admitted. Delay to admit libel.

The objections are made and argued before the judge, and when decided by him may be appealed against. the purpose of the argument all facts capable of proof are assumed to be true (a). The Court will sometimes admit part of a pleading and reject part, or order the whole or part to be amended. The admission of a libel is sometimes delayed by the Court, in order to allow the party charged an opportunity of stating any special matter, in the way of protest, to induce the Court to decline further proceedings in the case (b).

Principle qui ponit fatetur.

As a general rule the party setting up a plea is bound by it, the principle qui ponit fatetur being strictly adhered to (c).

- (z) Borough v. Collins, 15 P. D. 81. See hereon sects. 1 and 2 of the Clergy Discipline Act, 1892, printed in the Appendix. This case arose before the Act.
- (a) Burn's Ecclesiastical Law, 9th ed. vol. iii. p. 188, tit. "Practice."
  - (b) Ibid. p. 264, ibid.
  - (c) Ibid.

After the libel is brought in, a day is named for the delivery of the defendant's answer, the giving of which creates the litis contestatio, answering to the issue at Litis contes-Common Law. This issue may be either—(1) simple different affirmative, admitting the facts as stated by the plaintiff. in which case the suit is at an end; (2) simple negative, consisting of a general denial of the libel; or (3) qualified affirmative or negative, in which the defendant does not directly admit or deny the facts, but states them in his own way (d).

kinds of.

The litis contestatio only arises in civil suits, as in The litis contestatio only criminal suits the defendant cannot be called upon for arises in civil an answer (e). The plaintiff in civil suits, but not in Personal criminal suits, is entitled to what are termed personal answersanswers; these are answers in writing and on oath by the defendant to the several articles or positions of the libel. The object of the personal answers is to relieve object. the plaintiff from the necessity of proving facts which are known to be true by the other party.

Three qualities are essential to an answer. It must Three qualibe—(1) pertinent to the matter in hand; (2) absolute to answer. and unconditional; (3) clear and certain (f). If wanting in any of these requisites, it will be treated as no answer.

In answering, a party may limit himself to facts, and Answer

<sup>(</sup>d) Burn's Ecclesiastical Law, 9th ed. vol. iii. p. 189, tit, "Practice."

<sup>(</sup>e) Ibid.

<sup>(</sup>f) Ibid. p. 299, ibid.

limited to facts.

Party need not criminate himself,

need not give his own motives, or his belief in the motives of another person, or answer anything which leads to criminate him, or, it appears, even to degrade him.

nor confine himself to merely answering the plea. The defendant, in answering, need not confine himself to merely answering the plea, but may enter into all such matters as may fairly be deemed necessary to place the whole transaction in the true and proper light (g).

Require a personal service.

The notice, or decree, for personal answers should be personally served, as service on the solicitor or proctor of the defendant is not sufficient to place the defendant in contempt if the answers be not brought into Court. It is a maxim, in fact, of the Ecclesiastical Courts, that whatever is to be done *personally* requires a personal service on the party by whom the act is to be done (h).

The hearing.

Causes are heard publicly in open Court, and the evidence is taken  $viv\hat{a}$  voce at the trial (i). Counsel are heard on both sides.

Witnesses attendance of. The attendance of witnesses can be enforced by a process called a "compulsory." If the witness disobeys the order, he is in contempt, and may be punished for such contempt (k).

Judgment-

The sentence or judgment must be in writing,

- (g) Burn's Ecclesiastical Law, 9th ed. vol. iii. p. 299.
- (h) Durant v. Durant, 1 Add. 114, 118; Burn's Ecclesiastical Law, 9th ed. vol. iii. pp. 299—302, tit. "Practice."
  - (i) 14 & 15 Viet. c. 99, s. 2.
- (k) Coote's Ecclesiastical Practice, pp. 780, 781, for which see form of "compulsory."

and pronounced in the presence of both parties. Sentence given in the absence of one of the parties is void (1).

Sentences are either definitive or interlocutory. A definitive; definitive sentence puts an end to the principal matter in question in the suit. An interlocutory sentence deterinterlocutory. mines some incidental proceeding, but does not put an end to the principal matter in controversy (m).

Costs are in the discretion of the judge, and the Costs. reasons for granting or refusing them are publicly expressed at the time of giving judgment (n).

Appeals are either judicial or extra-judicial. The Appeals—judicial appeal is made from the sentence of the judge. The extra-judicial appeal is from some grievance which extra-judicial the party suffers, e.g., from the judge deferring to pronounce sentence, or rejecting material evidence (o). Appeals must be instituted within fifteen days, and Time limited prosecuted within a year and a day from the delivery of the sentence (p). The ultimate appeal is to the Judicial Appeal to Privy Council. Committee of the Privy Council (q). The Judicial Committee is assisted in ecclesiastical cases by assessors. The Assessors.

<sup>(7)</sup> Gibs. 1047. That is, by the Canon Law, must be reduced to writing, and then pronounced in the presence of the parties by the judge, standing. See also Burn's Ecclesiastical Law, 9th ed. vol. iii. p. 207, tit. "Practice."

<sup>(</sup>m) Burn's Ecclesiastical Law, 9th ed. vol. iii. p. 207, tit. "Practice."

<sup>(</sup>n) Phillimore's Ecclesiastical Law, 2nd ed. p. 995.

<sup>(</sup>o) Burn's Ecclesiastical Law, 9th ed. vol. iii. p. 217, tit. "Practice."

<sup>(</sup>p) Ibid.

<sup>(</sup>q) 2 & 3 Will. IV. c. 92, and 3 & 4 Will. IV. c. 41,

two archbishops are ex officio assessors, and the other assessors are the bishops, who attend according to a rota (r).

(r) See Judicature Act, 1873 (36 & 37 Vict. c. 66), s. 21, repealed by Appellate Jurisdiction Act, 1876 (39 & 40 Vict. c. 59), s. 24, and Order in Council under Appellate Jurisdiction Act, 1876, Nov. 28, 1876.

PROCEDURE UNDER THE CHURCH DISCIPLINE ACT (3 & 4 Vict. c. 86), AND THE CLERGY DISCIPLINE ACT, 1892 (55 & 56 Vict. c. 32).

All criminal proceedings against clerks in holy orders Criminal were prior to the 27th Sept., 1892 (s) regulated by the against clerks Church Discipline Act (t). Under that Act in any case In case of where a clerk in holy orders is charged with any offence scandal against the laws ecclesiastical, or scandal or evil report exists concerning him, the bishop of the diocese within commission which the offence is alleged to have been committed may into charge, issue a commission to make an inquiry as to the grounds of such charge or report, and may do this on the application of any party complaining, or on his own motion. This power is discretionary, and it is not obligatory upon the bishop to proceed when a complaint is made against a clerk in his diocese (u).

in holy orders. charge or against a clerk, bishop may issue

The commissioners must be five in number (v). A fourteen days' notice of the bishop's intention to issue the commission must be given to the accused. The notice must contain an intimation of the nature of the offence,

<sup>(</sup>s) The commencement of the Clergy Discipline Act, 1892. See sect. 14, sub-sect. 2 of that Act.

<sup>(</sup>t) 3 & 4 Vict. c. 86; see sub-sects. 1, 23.

<sup>(</sup>u) Reg. v. Bishop of Oxford, 4 L. T. (N. S.) 122; Julius v. The Bishop of Oxford, 5 App. Cas. 214.

<sup>(</sup>v) 3 & 4 Vict. c. 86, s. 3.

together with the names, addition, and residence of the party on whose application or motion the commission is about to issue (w).

or send the matter to the Court of Appeal by letters of request.

Instead of issuing such commission, the bishop may, if he think fit, at once send the case by letters of request (x) to be tried in the Court of Appeal of the province (y).

Commissioners report

On the close of the inquiry the commissioners, or any to the bishop, three of them, transmit to the bishop, under their hands and seals, the depositions of witnesses taken before them, and also a report of the opinion of the majority that there is, or is not, sufficient prima facie ground for instituting proceedings against the party accused (z).

Different modes of trial-

If the commissioners report that there is sufficient primâ facie ground for instituting proceedings against the party accused, he may be tried in three different ways:—

by consent;

- 1. With the consent in writing, of both parties, the bishop may pronounce a sentence at once. No further proceedings are in such case necessary, but the sentence must not exceed the sentence which might be pronounced in due course of law (a).
  - (w) 3 & 4 Viet. c. 86, s. 3.
  - (x) As to letters of request, see ante, p. 13.
  - (y) 3 & 4 Vict. c. 86, s. 13.
  - (z) 3 & 4 Vict. c. 86, s. 5.
- (a) 3 & 4 Vict. c. 86, s. 6. The bishop may impose conditions in addition to the main sentence, e.g., that a clerk charged with adultery should be suspended for three years, and that the suspension should not be taken off unless at the expiration of the three years, he should procure a certificate, signed by three beneficed clergymen, of his good behaviour and morals during his suspen-

- 2. The accused may be tried before the bishop, sitting by the bishop and assessors. with three assessors.
- 3. The bishop may send the case to be tried by the Trial by Court of Appeal. Court of Appeal of the province.

All proceedings under the Church Discipline Act must Limitation of be commenced within two years after the commission of under Church the offence charged, unless a conviction for the offence Act. has been obtained in any Court of Common Law. Where a a conviction has been so obtained, proceedings may be viction has brought within six calendar months after such conviction (b).

Discipline

criminal conbeen obtained.

In Noble v. Ohier (c) Lord Penzance held that the Place of Chancery Court of York had jurisdiction to hear a suit against a clergyman beneficed in the province of York in respect of offences alleged to have been committed by him without the limits of that province. In the same case Lord Penzance, notwithstanding the protest of the defendant, heard the parties at Westminster, and subsequently gave his decision at York (d).

hearing.

Appeals lie from the decision of the bishop to the Court Appeals. of Appeal of the province, and from the Court of Appeal

sion; and that such certificate should be approved by the bishop: Ex parte Rose, 18 Q. B. 751; 21 L. J. Q. B. 334. See also Bishop of London v. Day, 1 Rob. Eccl. 724; Morris v. Ogden, L. R. 4 C. P. 687.

- (b) 3 & 4 Viet. c. 86, s. 20.
- (c) 11 P. D. 158.
- (d) See also Rules of the Chancery Court of York of May, 1886, printed in the Appendix.

of the province to the Privy Council, in the same way as actions under the general procedure (e). The Court of Appeal can require security to be given for the costs of the Appeal (f).

Where bishop is patron of the benefice.

Where the bishop is the patron of any preferment held by a party accused, the archbishop of the province acts in his stead (g).

The Church Discipline Act was found in practice to be difficult of application, and it is now practically superseded by the Clergy Discipline Act, 1892 (h). The provisions of the latter Act, &c., are so important that I have thought it better to set out the chief provisions of the Act in full.

Effect of conviction of clergyman for treason, felony, or grave misdemeanors, or for certain other offences.

## 1.—(1) If either—

- (a) A clergyman is convicted of treason or felony, or is convicted on indictment of a misdemeanor, and on any such conviction is sentenced to imprisonment with hard labour or any greater punishment, or
- (b) An order under the Acts relating to bastardy is made on a clergyman, or
- (e) 3 & 4 Vict. c. 86, s. 15.
- (f) O'Malley  $\nabla$ . The Bishop of Norwich (1892), G. 175.
- (g) 3 & 4 Vict. c. 86, s. 24. Where a living is vacant on account of a suspension of a clerk under the Church Discipline Act, and the proceeds of the living have been sequestrated, the income of the living belongs to the bishop as chief pastor of the church, subject to the duty of providing for the services: In re Takeham Sequestration Moneys, 12 Eq. 494.
  - (h) 55 & 56 Viet. c. 32.

41 & 42 Vict. c. 19.

- (e) A clergyman is found in a divorce or matrimonial cause to have committed adultery, or
- (d) An order for judicial separation is made against a clergyman in a divorce or matrimonial cause,

(e) A separation order is made against a clergyman

- under the Matrimonial Causes Act, 1878; then, after the date at which the conviction, order, or finding becomes conclusive, the preferment (if any) held by him shall, within twenty-one days, without further trial be declared by the bishop to be vacant as from the said date, and he shall be incapable, save as in this Act mentioned, of holding preferment.
- (2) Provided that if when so convicted he receives a free pardon from the Crown his incapacity shall cease, and if he receives the pardon before the institution of another clergyman to such preferment the bishop shall, within twenty-one days after receiving notice in writing of such pardon, again institute him and cause him to be inducted into the preferment, and no fee shall be payable to any person whomsoever in respect thereof.
- (3) If any act required under this section to be done by a bishop is not done within the said twenty-one days it shall be done by or under the authority of the archbishop of the province.
- 2. If a clergyman either is convicted by a temporal Complaint Court of having committed an act constituting an ecclesi- elergyman for astical offence, and the foregoing section does not apply to him, or is alleged to have been guilty of any immoral

immorality.

act, immoral conduct, or immoral habit, or of any offence against the laws ecclesiastical, being an offence against morality (h) and not being a question of doctrine or ritual, he may be prosecuted by any of the parishioners of the parish in which such clergyman holds preferment, or by the bishop of the diocese, or by any person approved by the bishop, and tried in the Consistory Court of the diocese in which he holds preferment, and may be so prosecuted and tried in accordance with the prescribed procedure, subject as follows:—

- (a) If the complaint made against the clergyman appears to the bishop of the diocese to be too vague or frivolous to justify proceedings he shall disallow the prosecution:
- (b) The prosecutor may at any stage of the proceedings be ordered to give security for costs, unless the offence alleged in the prosecution is one of which the clergyman has been convicted by a temporal Court:
- (c) If any question of fact (other than the fact of the conviction of a temporal Court) has to be determined, and either party to a case so requires, five assessors shall be chosen in the prescribed manner, and shall, for deciding a question of fact, be members of the Court; and the decision of such question must either

<sup>(</sup>h) In the case of *Lee* v. *Flack*, [1896] P. 138, making a false declaration against simony was held to be an offence against morality within the meaning of this section.

be the unanimous decision of the assessors, or that of the chancellor and at least a majority of the assessors:

- (d) If no such decision is arrived at, the case shall, if either party so desires, be retried as soon as possible, with assessors chosen as before, save that no assessors who acted at the former trial shall act as assessors on the retrial:
- (e) The chancellor on any trial shall preside, and shall alone determine any question of law, and also any question of costs, and whether the question is one of law or of fact shall be deemed to be a question of law.

In the case of the Bishop of Rochester v. Harris (i) the complainant charged the defendant with seven charges. The first four of such charges were charges of specific instances of intoxication on specified days whilst officiating at services, and in consequence conducting himself in an irreverent and improper manner. The fifth charge charged the defendant with similar acts of drunkenness and irreverent and improper conduct on occasions the precise dates of which the prosecutor was unable to specify. All such acts were stated to have taken place within the five years limited by the Act(j). The sixth charge was one of habitually indulging to excess in intoxicating liquors, and being in a state of drunkenness. The seventh charge was in the following words: "Occasioning grave scandal and offence in the parish of Stoke

<sup>(</sup>i) [1893] P. 137. (j) See sect. 5.

by the scandalous conduct in the several preceding charges set forth."

The chancellor of the diocese of Rochester (k) allowed the fifth and sixth charges, but ordered charge number seven to be struck out on the ground that it contained a charge which could not be legally held under the Clergy Discipline Act, 1892.

Election of and mode of choosing assessors.

- 3.—(1) The assessors shall be chosen in the prescribed manner from the list of assessors who shall be elected as soon as possible after the commencement of this Act, and every three years afterwards, as follows (that is to say):—
  - (a) Three shall be elected from their own number by the members of the cathedral church of the diocese;
  - (b) Four shall be elected from their own number by the beneficed clergy of each archdeaconry in the diocese; and
  - (c) Five shall be elected from the justices of the county by the court of quarter sessions of each county wholly in the diocese, and of such of the counties partly in the diocese as may be prescribed.
  - (2) Provided that-
    - (a) The consent of an assessor to serve shall be obtained before he is elected; and
    - (b) If an assessor ceases to be one of the body from whom he is elected, or resigns, or dies, or

becomes incapable of action, the chancellor may declare a vacancy, and thereupon the vacancy may be filled by another election.

- (3) When the presence of assessors is required, three clergymen and two laymen shall be chosen out of the assessors on the said list by ballot conducted by the registrar in the presence of such (if any) of the parties as desire to be present by themselves or their representatives.
- (4) The assessors chosen shall be bound to attend when required, and if anyone fails so to attend without a reasonable excuse satisfactory to the chancellor he shall be disqualified for acting or being elected again as assessor, and the chancellor shall declare a vacancy, and the vacancy shall be filled by a new election.
- (5) If any assessor is objected to by either party for reasons approved by the chancellor, he shall be discharged from serving.
- (6) If by reason of any objection or of non-attendance or otherwise the requisite number of assessors is not obtained before the trial, the chancellor shall, if there is time, cause a clergyman or layman, as the case may require, to be chosen from the list of assessors by another ballot, but, if there is not time, shall appoint some clergyman or layman, as the case may require, who is willing to serve, and is not objected to by either party for cause shown and deemed sufficient by the chancellor, to make up the full number of five assessors.
  - 4.—(1) Either party to a case may appeal against any Appeals on

question of law or fact. judgment of a consistory court under this Act in respect of any matter of law.

- (2) If a defendant desires to appeal against any judgment of a consistory court under this Act in respect of the facts, he may petition for leave to appeal, and if he satisfies the appellate court that there is a primâ facie case leave shall be given, and he may appeal.
- (3) An appeal against any interlocutory judgment under this Act, not having the force or effect of a definitive sentence upon the merits of the case, shall not be allowed except by leave of the court.
- (4) An appeal or petition under this section shall be within the prescribed time and in accordance with the prescribed rules, and may (at the option of the appellant or petitioner) be to the provincial court or to Her Majesty the Queen in Council, but if to the provincial court the decision of that court shall be final.
- (5) If there is an appeal, the sentence shall be suspended until the appeal is determined or abandoned, and for the purpose of any inhibition be deemed not to have been given.

Limitation of prosecutions and conclusiveness of

- 5.—(1) A complaint under this Act for an offence shall not be made after five years from the date of the conviction, &c. offence, or of the last of a series of acts alleged as part of the offence, except that complaint may be made within two years after a conviction by a temporal court becomes conclusive.
  - (2) A conviction, order, or finding shall become conclusive for the purposes of this Act—
    - (a) where there has been any appeal (whether by

case reserved, special case, motion for new trial, writ of error, appeal, or otherwise), upon the date at which the appeal is dismissed or abandoned, or the proceedings on appeal are finally concluded; and

(b) if there has been no such appeal, upon the expiration of the time limited for such appeal, or where no time is so limited of two months from the date of the conviction, order, or finding;

but, if varied on appeal, shall be conclusive only as so varied, and so far as it is reversed on appeal shall cease to be of any effect.

- (3) After the conviction of a clergyman by a temporal court of committing an act becomes conclusive, a certificate of such conviction shall be conclusive proof in an ecclesiastical court that he has committed the act therein specified, except in the case of a summary conviction, against which there is no right of appeal.
- (4) In the event of any such conviction, order, or finding, by or before a temporal court, as makes the preferment of a clergyman subject to be declared vacant, or renders a clergyman liable to prosecution under this Act, the court shall cause the prescribed certificate of the conviction, order, or finding, to be sent to the bishop of the diocese in which the court sits, and such certificate shall be preserved in the registry of that diocese, or of any other diocese to which it may be sent by direction of the bishop.

Sentences and incapacity for preferment.

6.—(1) When a clergyman is, under this Act, adjudged guilty—

- (a) regard shall be had in considering the sentence to the interests of the ecclesiastical parish or place concerned, and not to precedents of punishments; and
- (b) he may be sentenced in every case to deprivation, and if so sentenced shall be incapable, save as in this Act mentioned, of holding preferment; and
- (c) if he is sentenced to suspension for a term, he shall not, during that term, exercise or perform without leave of the court any right or duty of or incidental or attached to his preferment, nor reside in or within such distance from the house of residence of that preferment as is specified in the sentence, and shall not, at the end of the term, be re-admitted until he has satisfied the court of his good conduct during the term.
- (2) Where by virtue of anything in or done under this Act a clergyman becomes incapable of holding preferment, his incapacity—
  - (a) shall cease if he receives a free pardon from the Crown; and
  - (b) shall not extend to any preferment which the bishop of the diocese and archbishop of the province in which it is situate, after such

public notice, if any, as they think desirable, allow him to hold.

- (3) Where by virtue of anything in or done under this Act the preferment of a clergyman is vacant, the time for lapse shall run from the date at which the prescribed notice of the vacancy is given.
- 7. If a clergyman wilfully disobeys a sentence passed Proceedings under this Act, or any requirement or direction contained disobedience in such sentence, he may be cited before the consistory court, and if, after the prescribed proceedings for enabling him to show cause to the contrary, the chancellor is satisfied that the clergyman has been so wilfully disobedient and ought to be punished for it, the chancellor may pronounce judgment against him, which shall be subject to the like appeal as if pronounced on a trial under this Act, and sentence him to such ecclesiastical punishment as the gravity of the case appears to require, including a sentence of deprivation; and where any sentence is so passed, the writ de contumace capiendo shall not be issued.
- 8. Where by virtue of this Act, or of any sentence Power to passed in pursuance of this Act, the preferment of a depose from clergyman becomes vacant, and it appears to the bishop clergyman of the diocese that such clergyman ought also to be ferment is deposed from holy orders, the bishop may, by sentence under Act. and without any further formality, depose him, and the sentence of deposition shall be recorded in the registry of the diocese: Provided always, that such clergyman may appeal against the said sentence within one month from

to sentence.

bishop to holy orders a whose prethe date thereof to the archbishop of the province, whose decision shall be final (*l*).

**9.** Sect. 9 of the Clergy Discipline Act contains powers to make rules.

Supplemental.
3 & 4 Vict.
c. 86.

- 10.—(1) Sections two, six, fourteen, eighteen, twenty-two, and twenty-five of the Church Discipline Act, 1840 (which sections are set out in the schedule of this Act), shall apply as if they were herein re-enacted and in terms made applicable to proceedings under this Act, and with the substitution of the chancellor for the assessor of the bishop, and section fourteen of that Act shall apply where a clergyman is accused before a temporal court of any criminal offence, or of any act constituting an ecclesiastical offence, in like manner as it applies where a charge for the like offence is pending in an ecclesiastical court. (These sections will be found printed in the Appendix.)
- (2) The consistory court means the court having the powers and duties of a consistory court of a diocese; and shall have jurisdiction over every place, district, and preferment, exempt or peculiar, over which the bishop of the diocese has, by virtue of this Act or otherwise, jurisdiction.
  - (3) A bishop may act as bishop for the purposes of

<sup>(1)</sup> The sentence of deposition need not be delivered concurrently with that of deprivation: Reg. v. Durham, Bishop of, [1897] 2 Q. B. 414.

this Act in relation to a clergyman holding in his diocese a preferment of which the bishop is patron.

- (4) The judgment of a consistory court or (on appeal) of the appellate court that a clergyman has been guilty of an immoral act, immoral conduct, or immoral habit, or of any offence against the laws ecclesiastical, being an offence against morality and not a question of doctrine or ritual, shall be conclusive that the offence charged is cognizable by a consistory court under this Act.
- (5) The bishop may appoint as a deputy chancellor a barrister of not less than seven years' standing, or the holder of a judicial appointment.
  - 12. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,— Definitions.

    The expression "clergyman" means a clergyman not "Clergyman."

    being a bishop of a diocese, who is in holy

    orders in the Church of England, or who,
    though ordained by a bishop of another church,

the Church of England:

The expression "chancellor" means the judge of the "Chancelconsistory court by whatever name known:

is permitted to officiate as a priest or deacon of

The expression "provincial court" means as respects "Provincial court." the province of Canterbury the Arches Court of Canterbury, and as respects the province of York the Chancery Court of York:

The expression "county" includes a riding or divi- "County." sion having a separate court of quarter sessions:

The expression "member of a cathedral church" "Member of a cathedral means any dean, residentiary canon, non-church."

residentiary canon, prebendary, or honorary canon of that church:

"Arch-deaconry."

The expression·" archdeaconry " includes the Isle of Ely:

"Judicial appointment." The expression "judicial appointment" includes a chairmanship of quarter sessions and a police or stipendiary magistrateship:

"Judgment."

The expression "judgment" includes decree and order:

"Prescribed." The expression "prescribed" means prescribed by rules made in pursuance of this Act:

"Church Discipline Act." The expression "Church Discipline Act, 1840,"
means the Act 3 & 4 Vict. c. 86, of Her
present Majesty, chapter eighty-six, intituled
"An Act for better enforcing Church discipline":

"Immoral
act,"
"immoral
conduct,"
and "immoral habit."

The expressions "immoral act," "immoral conduct," and "immoral habit" shall include such acts, conduct, and habits as are proscribed by the seventy-fifth and one hundred and ninth canons issued by the Convocation of the Province of Canterbury in the year one thousand six hundred and three.

Exclusion of question of doctrine or ritual, and savings.

## 13.—(1) Nothing in this Act shall

- (a) render a clergyman liable to be tried or sentenced under this Act in respect of any question of doctrine or ritual; or
- (b) affect any prerogative of Her Majesty the Queen as respects pardon or otherwise; or

- (c) affect the liability of a clergyman to any prosecution, action, or proceeding, in any court other than an ecclesiastical court, but if he can be prosecuted under this Act for an offence, any other criminal proceeding against him for that offence shall not be instituted in an ecclesiastical court.
- (2) This Act shall apply only to a clergyman who either holds preferment within the meaning of this Act, or resides or has committed the offence in England or Wales; and where a clergyman holds a licence from a bishop in England or Wales, this Act shall apply to that clergyman, notwithstanding that he resides elsewhere, as if he held preferment in the diocese of that bishop.
- (3) The Church Discipline Act, 1840, shall, except so short title. far as the sections in the schedule to this Act are applied ment of Act, by this Act, be repealed as respects any proceeding instituted after the commencement of this Act against a clergyman for an offence for which he can be prosecuted or his benefice declared vacant under this Act.

and repeal.

# PROCEDURE UNDER THE PUBLIC WORSHIP REGULATION ACT.

Scope and object of Public Worship Regulation Act. The Public Worship Regulation Act does not directly interfere with the complainant's right to adopt the general procedure of the Ecclesiastical Courts to remedy any matter he complains of, nor does it add to the number of ecclesiastical offences. It simply creates a new way of investigating certain offences and malfeasances, and does not interfere with the suitor's right to adopt the general procedure if he prefer it (m).

Six cases to which Act applies unlawful alterations:

unlawful ornamentation; The Act applies to the six following cases:-

- 1. Unlawfully altering, or adding to, the fabric, ornaments (n), or furniture of the church.
- 2. Introducing into the church ornaments forbidden by law (o).

The following acts must be done within twelve months of the commencement of the proceedings, and must take place in the church or burial-ground:—

- 3. The use, by the minister of the church, of any unlawful ornaments.
- (m) 37 & 38 Vict. c. 85, s. 5; and see Brice's Public Worship, p. 382.
- (n) As to whether a reredos is an unlawful ornament, see *Phillpotts* v. *Boyd*, 4 A. & E. 297; 6 P. C. 435.
  - (o) 37 & 38 Vict. c. 85, s. 8, sub-s. 1.

4. The neglect, by such minister, to use any prescribed neglect of ornament or vesture (p).

ornaments;

5. The failure, by the incumbent, to observe, or cause want of to be observed, the directions relating to the services, of directions rites, and ceremonies contained in the Book of Common in Common Prayer.

Praver Book:

6. His unlawfully adding to, altering, or omitting from alterations or the services, rites, and ceremonies (q).

omissions from services.

Proceedings under this Act are commenced by a repre- Proceedingssentation (r) made to the bishop that one, or more, of the menced. six cases stated above has occurred. This representation may be made by—

- 1. The archdeacon of the archdeaconry within which By whom the church or burial-ground is situated.
  - 2. A churchwarden of the parish.
  - 3. Three parishioners of the parish.
- 4. In the case of cathedral, or collegiate churches, any three three inhabitants of the diocese.

representation may be made archdeacon: churchwarden; parishioners;

> three inhabitants.

In either of the last two cases the persons making the representation must be male persons of full age, who have, and for one year next before taking any proceedings under the Act have had, their usual place of abode in the diocese within which the church is situated.

The representation must be accompanied by a declara- Declaration.

<sup>(</sup>p) 37 & 38 Vict. c. 85, s. 8, sub-s. 2.

<sup>(</sup>q) Ibid. s. 8, sub-s. 3.

<sup>(</sup>r) 37 & 38 Vict. c. 85. A form is prescribed by the Act; see Schedule (B.).

tion (s) by the persons making it that they are members of the Church of England (t).

- (s) 37 & 38 Vict. c. 85. A form is prescribed by the Act; see Schedule (A.).
  - (t) Ibid. s. 8. The following is a copy of this section:—

Representation by archdeacon, churchwarden, parishioners, or inhabitants of diocese. Sect. 8. "If the archdeacon of the archdeaconry, or a church-warden of the parish, or any three parishioners of the parish, within which archdeaconry or parish any church or burial-ground is situate, or for the use of any part of which any burial-ground is legally provided, or in case of cathedral or collegiate churches, any three inhabitants of the diocese, being male persons of full age, who have signed and transmitted to the bishop under their hands the declaration contained in schedule (A.) under this Act, and who have and for one year next before taking any proceeding under this Act have had their usual place of abode in the diocese within which the cathedral or collegiate church is situated, shall be of opinion—

- (1.) That in such church any alteration in or addition to the fabric, ornaments, or furniture thereof has been made without lawful authority, or that any decoration forbidden by law has been introduced into such church; or,
- (2.) That the incumbent has within the preceding twelve months used or permitted to be used in such church or burialground any unlawful ornament of the minister of the church, or neglected to use any prescribed ornament or vesture; or,
- (3.) That the incumbent has within the preceding twelve months failed to observe, or to cause to be observed, the directions contained in the Book of Common Prayer relating to the performance, in such church or burial-ground, of the services, rites, and ceremonies ordered by the said book, or has made or permitted to be made any unlawful addition to, alteration of, or omission from such services, rites, and ceremonies.—

such archdeacon, churchwarden, parishioners, or such inhabitants of the diocese, may, if he or they think fit, represent the same to the bishop, by sending to the bishop a form, as contained in schedule (B.) to this Act, duly filled up and signed, and accompanied by a declaration made by him or them under the Act of the

It is discretionary with the bishop to take proceedings Bishop has a on the representation, and if, after considering the whole power to circumstances of the case, he be of opinion that proceed-proceedings. ings should not be taken, he must state in writing the reasons for his opinion, and transmit a copy to the persons, or some one of them, who made the representation, and to the person complained of.

Whether the reasons given by the bishop are good or bad, if he considers all the circumstances which appear to him, honestly exercising his judgment, to bear upon the particular case, his reasons cannot be reviewed (u).

Where he is of opinion that proceedings should be taken on the representation, he must, within twenty-one days after receiving it, transmit a copy to the person complained of, and require such person, and the person complaining, to state in writing, within twenty-one days, whether they are willing to submit to his directions without appeal (v).

Two modes of trial are then open to the parties:—

1. By consent of both parties, the whole matter may by consent

Two modes of trialbefore bishop;

fifth and sixth years of the reign of King William the Fourth, chapter sixty-two, affirming the truth of the statements contained in the representation: Provided, that no proceedings shall be taken under this Act as regards any alteration in or addition to the fabric of a church if such alteration or addition has been completed five years before the commencement of such proceedings."

- (u) Alcroft v. Lord Bishop of London, Lighton v. Lord Bishop of London, [1891] A. C. 666.
- (v) 37 & 38 Vict. c. 85, s. 9. The time within which the copy of the representation must be transmitted to the party complained of is imperative: Howard v. Bodington, 2 P. D. 203.

be submitted to the bishop without right of appeal (x).

by the judge;

2. The matter may be tried before the judge appointed under the Act (y).

by consent-

special case may be

stated.

Where the bishop tries the matter by consent, the parties may join in stating any questions, arising in the proceedings in a special case, signed by a barrister-at-law, for the opinion of the judge (z). This special case is transmitted by the judge for hearing, and any judgment pronounced by the bishop must be in conformity with the judge's determination of it.

Trial before

the judge.

Where the matter is tried by the judge, the person making the representation must give security for costs to such amount as the judge thinks proper. The judge then gives not less than twenty-eight days' notice to the parties of the place where the matter is to be heard (a).

Answer by person complained of.

The person complained of must then, within twentyone days after such notice, transmit to the judge, and to the person making the representation, a succinct answer to the representation. In default of such answer, he is

In default of

- (x) No judgment so pronounced by the bishop shall be considered as finally deciding any question of law so that it may not be again raised by other parties: 37 & 38 Vict. c. 85, s. 9.
- (y) The judge appointed under the Act is Lord Penzance, who is also judge of the Provincial Courts of both provinces: see *ante*, p. 14.
- (z) The section is ambiguous, and it appears doubtful whether this power does not extend to all trials under the Act: see sect. 9.
- (a) The place of trial must be in the diocese or province or in London or in Westminster: 37 & 38 Vict. c. 85, s. 9.

deemed to have denied the truth or relevancy of the answer, reprerepresentation.

sentation to be deemed traversed.

The evidence is taken viva voce, in open court, and Evidence. upon oath. The judge has the same power of enforcing the attendance of witnesses and production of documents, as a judge of any of the superior Courts.

To provide for appeals the judge states the facts proved Evidence before him in the form of a special case, unless the parties judge as a both agree that the evidence should be taken by a short-taken by a hand writer, and that a special case should not be writer. stated (b). No fresh evidence is admitted upon appeal, except by leave of the Court of Appeal (c).

stated by special case or

The judgment must be a written one.

Judgment.

Costs are in the discretion of the judge (d).

Costs.

Appeals lie from the judgment to the Privy Council (e), Appeals.

The monitions (f), or other orders of the bishop, or Enforcements judge, are enforced, if necessary, by inhibiting the in-

of monitions.

- (b) The special case is to be similar to a special case stated under the Common Law Procedure Acts, 1852, 1854: 37 & 38 Vict. c. 85, s. 9.
  - (c) 37 & 38 Viet. c. 85, s. 12.
  - (d) Ibid. s. 9.
- (e) Ibid. Although in every appeal in ecclesiastical cases it has been very much a matter of course and a ministerial act of the officer of the Court to issue an inhibition, yet a discretion rests with the appellate tribunal to issue it or not. In the case of Ridsdale v. Clifton, 1 P. D. 383, the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, on motion made, and in exercise of their discretion, directed that a portion of the decree of the Court below should be suspended pending the appeal.
- (f) As to monitions, see post, chapter on Ecclesiastical Punishments.

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Incumbent only released from inhibition on submission.

Effect of inhibition remaining in force for more than three years.

cumbent for any term not exceeding three months. the inhibition is disobeyed, the person disobeying may be pronounced guilty of contempt, and arrested under the writ de contumace capiendo (g). At the expiration of the three months the inhibition is not relaxed until the incumbent has undertaken in writing to pay due obedience to the monition or order. If the inhibition remain in force for more than three years, or if a second inhibition be issued for the same monition within that time, the benefice or ecclesiastical preferment, in respect of which the monition is issued, becomes void. The bishop may, however, after the expiration of the three years, give the incumbent three months' further time for repentance for some special reason, which he (the bishop) must state in writing. The spiritual duties of the parish may be provided for by the bishop during the inhibition, and the necessary funds raised by sequestration.

Patron presents on avoidance.

Monition may be obeyed without a faculty. Visitor of cathedral

On such an avoidance of the benefice, the patron may present as though the incumbent were dead (h).

A faculty is not necessary to lawfully obey any monition issued under the Act (i). In the case of a cathedral or collegiate church, the visitor stands in the place of the church stands bishop, and has to perform the same duties. Complaints

<sup>(</sup>g) Green (App.), Lord Penzance and Others (Resps.), L. R. 6 H. L. 657. This is construed reasonably, and there is a discretion to refuse to enforce the monition by means of proceedings in the original suit where a considerable time has elapsed. See Hakes v. Cox, [1892] P. 110.

<sup>(</sup>h) 37 & 38 Viet. c. 85, s. 13.

<sup>(</sup>i) Ibid. s. 14.

relating to the fabric, ornaments, furniture, or decorations in place of of such churches are made against the dean and chapter, and comwhile complaints concerning the ornaments of the minister, made against or the performance of the services, rites, and ceremonies, chapter or are made against the clerk alleged to have offended (k).

Any proceedings for alterations or additions to the fabric of a church must be taken within five years of such actions for alteration or addition (1).

Proceedings cannot be taken in respect of the same Proceedings matter against an incumbent both under the Church Church Dis-Discipline Act and the Public Worship Regulation Act, exempt from and any suit under one or other of these Acts exempts under this him from all liability to proceedings under the other (m).

In cases under the Public Worship Regulation Act, when questions of law and fact are involved, the Court will hear two counsel on each side, and one counsel in reply (n).

(k) Ibid. s. 17.

the bishop; plaints are the dean and against the clerk offending.

Limitation of alterations of fabric.

under the cipline Act proceedings Act, and vice versâ.

<sup>(</sup>l) Ibid. s. 8.

<sup>(</sup>m) Ibid. s. 18.

<sup>(</sup>n) Clifton v. Ridsdale, 1 P. D. 316.

# ECCLESIASTICAL PUNISHMENTS.

Ecclesiastical censures and punishments.

THE ecclesiastical punishments, or censures, all consist in either withdrawing from the offender some privilege which the Church has given him, or in wholly expelling him from the Christian communion. Some censures are applicable to both clergy and laity, whilst others are applicable only to the clergy.

Where a defendant has been found guilty of an ecclesiastical offence, the judge has no discretion to absolve him from all ecclesiastical censure or punishment, but must inflict what is, in his opinion, an appropriate punishment (o).

Censures applicable to both clergy and laity.

The censures to which both clergy and laity are subject re—

- 1. Admonition or monition.
- 2. Penance.
- 3. Suspension ab ingressu ecclesiæ.
- 4. Excommunication, with the spiritual and temporal consequences incident to it.

Censures to which only the clergy are liable.

But the clergy alone are subject to-

- 1. Suspension.
- 2. Sequestration.
- 3. Deprivation.
- 4. Degradation.
  - (o) Martin v. Mackonochie, 7 P. D. 94.

Admonition or monition (p) is the lightest form of eccle- Admonition siastical censure, and is a reprimand addressed by an Ecclesiastical Court to an offender convicted before it (q).

In the case of Read v. Bishop of Lincoln (r) it was held that where the promoters of an ecclesiastical suit have established the commission of an ecclesiastical offence, they are not entitled as of right to a monition, but the judge is entitled, on being satisfied that the offence will not be repeated, to accept the assurance of future submission.

Penance is an ecclesiastical punishment affecting the Penance. body of the penitent; it is described by the canonists as of three sorts—viz., public, private, and solemn, but appears now to have fallen into disuse (s). Penance was usually enjoined in cases of incest or incontinency, and in the smaller faults and scandals (t).

- (p) The term "monition" has three distinct meanings; the one given here, to enforce the orders and compel the performance of some act (e.q., under the Public Worship Regulation Act; see ante, chapter on that Act), and to restrain some act contrary to the Ecclesiastical Law (e.g., erecting a tombstone without permission of the incumbent of the parish): Brice's Public Worship, p. 276.
- (q) Phillimore's Ecclesiastical Law, 2nd ed. p. 1065; Brice's Public Worship, pp. 275, 276. For an admonition for not repairing the chancel, see Morley v. Leacroft, [1896] P. 92.
  - (r) [1892] A. C. 644.
  - (8) Phillimore's Ecclesiastical Law, 2nd ed. p. 1065.
- (t) Godb. Append. 18. "In the case of incest or incontinency, the sinner is usually enjoined to do a public penance in the cathedral or parish church, or public market, barelegged and bareheaded, in a white sheet, and to make an open confession of his crime in a prescribed form of words; which is augmented or mode-

Suspension.

Suspension ab ingressu ecclesiæ is a temporary excommunication. It consists in temporarily withholding from the offender some of the privileges of the Church—e.g., the hearing of divine service and receiving the holy sacrament (u).

Excommunication is of two sorts—the greater and the

Excommunication—
the less;

the greater.

Writ of de excommunicato capiendo—

imprison-

ment.

less. The less excommunication excludes the offender from participation in the sacraments and divine worship; the greater proceeds further, and excludes him not only from these, but also from the company of all Christians (v). Formerly an excommunicated person was liable to various civil disabilities: he could not serve on juries or be a witness in any Court, or bring any action to recover his property (x), and, in addition to this, the offender might have been imprisoned, under a writ de excommunicato capiendo, until he was reconciled to the Church. This is now remedied by 53 Geo. III. c. 127, which provides that no excommunicated person shall incur, by the sentence of excommunication, any penalty or incapacity whatever, except such imprisonment, not exceeding six months, as the Ecclesiastical Court may direct.

Punishments inflicted on the clergy alone:—
Suspension.

Punishments inflicted only on the clergy:—

Suspension is either from office and benefice jointly (y),

rated according to the quality of the fault and the discretion of the judge": Godb. Append. 18.

- (u) Gibs. 1047.
- (v) Johns. 168; Steph. Com. 13th ed. vol. iii. p. 354.
- (x) Steph. Com. 13th ed. vol. iii. p. 354.
- (y) In Hebbert v. Purchas, 4 P. C. 301, the perpetual curate of a chapel of ease of a parish church was suspended ab officio et α

or from one of them. It is, in fact, a temporary degradation or deprivation, or both (z). By the canon law a previous admonition is necessary before sentence of suspension, unless the offence is such as to require an immediate suspension (a). The suspended clergyman is not Suspended entitled to any profits of the benefice, and cannot recover cannot them by action during the continuance of the suspension, profits of and this although no sequestration may have been issued (b). If he preach or perform any other clerical or perform function during the suspension, he is guilty of a confunctions. tempt(c).

In a recent case (d) a clerk was accused under the Church Discipline Act (e), and, being found guilty, was suspended ab officio for a period of six months. During this period he officiated in breach of his suspension. Afterwards, and after the expiration of the six months, his disobedience in respect of having so officiated was

beneficio for persistent contempt in disobeying a monition issued to enforce obedience to an Order in Council, made in an ecclesiastical cause, declaring illegal and prohibiting the practice of certain rites, ceremonies, and vestments,

- (z) Burn's Ecclesiastical Law, 9th ed. vol. iii. p. 667, tit. "Suspension."
- "(a) Burn's Ecclesiastical Law, 9th ed. vol. iii. p. 668, tit. "Suspension." This applies to suspension ab ingressu ecclesice as well: Gibs. 1046.
  - (b) Morris v. Ogden, 4 C. P. 687.
- (c) Bishop of London v. Day, 1 Rob. Eccl. 724; Hebbert v. Purchas, L. R. 4 C. P. 301, 312. See Trower v. Hurst, 5 Notes of
  - (d) Ex parte Rev. James Bell Cox, 20 Q. B. D. 1.
  - (e) 3 & 4 Vict. c. 86.

signified at the instance of the promoter, and he was imprisoned under a writ de contumace capiendo. It was held by a Divisional Court that the imprisonment was illegal, as, the period of suspension under the order having expired, the order was no longer in force, and a writ de contumace capiendo could not be issued; but this decision was reversed by the Court of Appeal, which held that the writ was lawfully issued.

Sequestration. Sequestration is the receiving of the profits of a benefice by a sequestrator, or officer appointed by the bishop. Sequestrations issue on vacancies of the cure, during the pendency of a suit relating to the living, for executions recovered against the incumbent, and for other like purposes. The sequestration in such cases is an ordinary civil process, and is analogous to sequestration or execution in the King's Bench Division. Sequestration is also used as a punishment for canonical offences, such as immorality, non-residence, intemperate conduct, and the like (f).

Criminal sequestrations take precedence over civil ones. Criminal sequestrations always take precedence over civil ones, quite irrespective of the order in which they are issued (g).

Sequestration Act, 1871.

The carrying on of public worship during a sequestration is now regulated by the Sequestration Act, 1871 (h). Under that Act, where a sequestration on a judgment

<sup>(</sup>f) Brice's Public Worship, pp. 284, 285.

<sup>(</sup>g) Bunter v. Creswell, 14 Q. B. 825; 19 L. J. Q. B. 687; 3 Jur. 864.

<sup>(</sup>h) 34 & 35 Viet. c. 45.

recovered against an incumbent, or under his bankruptcy, remains in force for six months, the bishop of the diocese Power of has power to license a curate or curates to perform the license services of the Church during its continuance. bishop fixes the stipends of the curates, which are regu- worship. lated by the population of the parish (i), and must not Stipends of curates, exceed in the whole two-thirds of the annual value of the benefice (k).

bishop to The carry on

Where the sequestration remains in force for more than The incumsix months, the incumbent may be inhibited by the bishop inhibited, &c. from performing the services of the Church, but such inhibition may be withdrawn at any time (l).

bent may be

It is provided by sect. 6 of the Sequestration Act, 1871, Incumbent that during sequestration the incumbent is absolutely nate to any disabled from presenting or nominating to any vacant fice he holds benefice of which he may be patron, in right of the bency during benefice under sequestration; the right of presentation in right being such case is exercised by the bishop of the diocese in which the bishop; the vacant benefice is situated (m).

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During the continuance of the sequestration, the incum- or accept any

other benefice

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The whole of the stipends
                                             must not exceed
(i) If the population does not exceed 500..... £200 per annum
              exceeds 500 but not 1,000.....
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- (k) 34 & 35 Vict. c. 45, s. 1. That is, the net annual value after deducting all rates, taxes, and charges assessed upon and payable out of the benefice, exclusive of the parsonage, vicarage, or other place of residence of the incumbent: 34 & 35 Vict. c. 44, s. 11.
- . (1). 34 & 35 Vict. c. 45, s. 5.
  - (m) Ibid. s. 6.

without consent of bishop and sequestrator. bent cannot accept any other benefice or preferment the acceptance of which would avoid, or vacate, the benefice under sequestration, without the consent, in writing, of the bishop of the diocese and sequestrator (n).

Except to the extent that the Act in terms interferes with the position of the incumbent he retains his character of and right as incumbent—e.g., he retains the right of appointing the parish clerk (o).

Powers of sequestrator.

A sequestrator may sue in his own name at law or in equity, or levy a distress, or take any other proceeding which might have been taken by any incumbent, if the benefice had not been under sequestration. He has power also to sue the incumbent. Where the sequestrator is appointed at the instance of a creditor, he may require the creditor to indemnify him before he takes any of the above proceedings. Payment of any money to a sequestrator is a good discharge as against a claim by the incumbent (p).

Deprivation.

Distinction between deprivation and suspension. Sentence must be pronounced with concurrence of bishop or archbishop. Deprivation consists in depriving a clergyman of his parsonage, vicarage, or other spiritual promotion or dignity (q). The chief distinction between suspension and deprivation is, that the former is only temporary, while the latter is perpetual. This sentence can only be pronounced by an ecclesiastical judge in the presence or with the concurrence of a bishop or archbishop. The Dean

- (n) 34 & 35 Vict. c. 45, s. 7.
- (o) Laurence v. Edwards, [1891] 1 Ch. 144.
- (p) 12 & 13 Viet. c. 67, s. 2.
- (q) Deg. p. 1, c. 9; Burn's Ecclesiastical Law, 9th ed. vol. iii. p. 141, tit. "Deprivation."

of Arches is the only exception to this rule, he alone Exception in having power to pronounce such a sentence by himself and of Arches. proprio motu(r).

The ordinary sentence of deprivation in use in the Ecclesiastical Courts is not limited to the particular preferment or benefice stated in the articles to be held by the respondent, but extends to all ecclesiastical promotions within the jurisdiction held by the respondent at the time that sentence is pronounced (s).

It is contrary to the practice of the Court of Arches to pronounce a sentence of perpetual suspension from the performance of divine service against a respondent who holds a benefice of which the Court has jurisdiction to deprive him(t).

In Martin v. Mackonochie (u), after an appeal, on the hearing of which the cause was remitted by the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council to the Official Principal, but before the terms of the remission had been complied with, the respondent resigned the perpetual curacy of St. Alban's, Holborn, and was instituted to the incumbency of St. Peter's, London Docks. On the cause subsequently coming on for sentence, the Official Principal of the Court of Arches (Lord Penzance) pronounced sentence, depriving the respondent of all ecclesiastical promotions within the province of Canterbury of which

<sup>(</sup>r) Bonwell v. Bishop of London, 14 Moo. P. C. 395, 412—414.

<sup>(</sup>s) Martin v. Mackonochie (third suit), 8 P. D. 191.

<sup>(</sup>t) Supra.

<sup>(</sup>u) Supra.

he was possessed when the sentence was pronounced, and of all ecclesiastical emoluments belonging thereto.

Degradation.

pronounced.

Degradation consists in depriving a clergyman of his holy orders, and degrading him from the office of a priest Sentence, how or deacon (v). This sentence can only be pronounced by the bishop, who must be assisted in his judgment either by his chancellor, dean, and some of the prebendaries; or by the archdeacon and two, at least, grave ministers and preachers (x).

- (v) Godb. Rep. 309; Burn's Ecclesiastical Law, 9th ed. vol. iii. p. 139, tit. "Degradation."
- (x) Burn's Ecclesiastical Law, 9th ed. vol. iii, p. 140, tit. "Degradation;" Can. 122, 4.

# APPENDIX.

#### RULES OF THE COURT OF ARCHES.

"1. All Decrees, Citations, Monitions, Inhibitions, Compulsories, Decrees, &c. and other Instruments under seal shall be prepared in and issued from the Registry of this Court, in Forms to be approved of by the Judge, on written application (from the Proctor of the party or parties requiring the same, and signed by him), and no act of Court shall be necessary to lead such Decrees, Citations, Monitions, Inhibitions, Compulsories, or other Instruments, and the same shall bear date on the day on which they are respectively issued.

to be prepared in Registry.

No act necessary to lead same.

"2. All Decrees, Citations, Monitions, Inhibitions, Compulsories, and other Instruments heretofore returnable or brought into Court or in Chambers, shall be returnable or brought into the Registry of the Arches Court, and the said Decrees, Citations, Monitions, Inhibitions, Compulsories, and all other Instruments so returned or brought into the said Registry shall have the same full force and effect in Law as the like Instruments have heretofore had when returned into Court.

Decrees, &c. returnable in Registry.

"3. All such Instruments shall be so returnable, if served within Decrees, &c. fifty miles of London, on the third day after service, and if beyond when made that distance on the sixth day after service, and if not returned If not into the Registry within three days of the day on which they are so returned, void. returnable, they shall be void and of none effect, save and except that this Rule shall not apply to Compulsories, and that Monitions for transmission of process shall be returnable in ten days, and not be void if not returned within that period. The Proctor shall file his Proxy in the Registry on the day on which he returns his Decree.

returnable.

"4. The return of all Instruments into the Registry shall be Book for entered by the Registrar on the day on which they are so returned, entering in a book to be kept for that purpose.

Appearance to be entered in six days.

If no appearance, may proceed in default.

Articles, &c. to be filed within six days.

To declare within eight days whether opposed.

Alteration or amendment in Articles, &c. to be made within ten days.

If not opposed, to give issue.

If affirmative papers to Judge.

If negative issue, to de-clare whether Plea. If no Plea, to declare nesses are to

"5. An Appearance shall be entered in the Registry by the Proctor for the party cited, within six days after the return of the Decree of Citation, and he shall file his Proxy at the same time, and if no such Appearance be entered within that time it shall be competent to the party promoting the suit to proceed in default of such Appearance, but an Appearance may be entered at any time during the dependence of the suit, with the consent of the Judge in Chambers.

"6. On an Appearance being entered, a duplicate copy thereof shall be given to the Proctor returning the Decree, who shall file his Articles, Libel, or Petition, in the Registry, within six days from his having such notice, and deliver a copy thereof to the Proctor for the party cited.

"7. The Proctor for the party cited shall declare by notice in writing, to be left in the Registry within eight days after his being furnished with a copy of the Articles, Libel, or Plea, whether or not he opposes the admission thereof. And if he opposes the same, or in default of Appearance, the Registrar shall send the papers to the Judge, who will thereupon appoint a day to hear Counsel and to decide as to the admissibility thereof.

"8. If the Articles, Libel, or Plea shall be ordered by the Judge to be altered or amended, such alteration or amendment shall be made in the Articles, Libel, or Plea filed in the Registry within ten days from the Judge's order, and a copy thereof left with the other Proctor, who shall within eight days give notice whether he further opposes the admission thereof.

"9. If the Proctor for the party cited declares he does not oppose the admission of the said Plea, or neglect to declare within the required time, the same shall stand admitted, and the said Proctor, on the admission thereof, shall, in all plenary suits, be required thereupon to leave written notice in the Registry whether he gives negative or affirmative issue thereto. If an affirmative issue be given, the Registrar shall send the papers to the Judge, who will appoint a day for the hearing.

"10. If the Proctor for the party cited gives a negative issue, he shall at the same time declare whether he intends to plead or not, and a copy of the notice shall be left with the Proctor for the promoter the same day. If he does not give in any Plea, or if the whether Wit- proceedings be carried on in default, the Proctor for the promoter

shall declare whether he intends to prove his case by examining be examined Witnesses orally, or in writing. And in the event of the Witnesses being examined orally, the papers shall be sent to the Judge to If orally, appoint a day or days for taking evidence, hearing arguments, and papers to be giving judgment.

orally or in writing. sent to Judge.

"11. If a responsive Plea be given in, the same shall be filed in If responsive, the Registry within six days from the notice mentioned in the 9th Plea to be rule, and the same time shall be allowed (as in case of Articles, &c.) in six days. for the other Proctor to declare whether such Plea is admitted or opposed, and if opposed the same shall be sent to the Judge in like manner as in case of Articles, &c.

given in with-

"12. In the event of any clerical or verbal error being discovered Clerical error in any Plea after it has been filed in the Registry, and previous to any evidence being taken thereon, it shall be competent to the Registrar, on written application from the Proctor, to correct the same, with consent in writing of the other Proctor.

be corrected.

"13. If, on the admission of any Libel or Plea, the Proctor Answers. requires the Answers of the other party thereto, he shall within three days from the time of such admission leave notice in the Registry thereof, and notice shall be given by the other Proctor within a week subsequent thereto whether he requires a Requisition or Commission for taking such Answers, and if the party whose Answers are required resides within fifty miles of London, such Answers shall be brought into the Registry within ten days from the date of such last notice, or the issuing of such Commission; if beyond that distance, then within fifteen days; but if the party to give in the Answers be abroad, such further reasonable time shall be allowed as the distance and circumstances may require. Any party in a suit producing himself for his personal Answers before a Surrogate may be sworn and afterwards repeated to his said Answers in default of the appearance of the other Proctor, if he refuse or neglect to attend.

"14. On the admission of the last Plea both Proctors shall file Declaration as a Declaration in the Registry, within six days, that no further to no further Pleas are to be given in, and they shall then declare whether they intend to examine Witnesses vivà voce or by depositions, and no Witnesses shall be examined in the cause until such declaration is filed.

"15. In the event of the evidence being taken by an Examiner If by an Ex-

aminer or Commission, a month allowed.

in town, or under a Commission, the Proctor shall be allowed a month for so examining Witnesses and lodging the depositions in the Registry. Special application may be made to the Judge in Chambers for further time, if necessary, or if the Witnesses reside abroad, and the evidence is to be taken under a Requisition.

"In all cases where the Witnesses are to be examined under a Requisition or Commission, the notice to be left in the Registry shall be signed by both Proctors.

Witnesses before Surrogate.

"16. In all cases where Witnesses are examined by an Examiner of the Court, they may be produced and sworn before a Surrogate in default of the appearance of the other Proctor or party, if he refuse or neglect to attend after having received written notice thereof.

Examinations taken by Examiner.

"17. All written Depositions shall be taken before an Examiner of the Court, or a Commissioner acting under a Commission; all such Examinations and cross-Examinations may be conducted either by Counsel or Proctors, or by the Examiner or Commissioner, as the Proctors may determine, and where Counsel are employed the Fees of one Counsel may be allowed on Taxation.

Counsel may attend.

Shorthand to be evidence.

"18. If the Judge, on application, directs the evidence of the Writer's Note Witnesses in any cause to be taken down by a Shorthand Writer, a transcript of the Notes so taken by him shall be admitted as proof of such evidence if he has been previously sworn to report faithfully.

In Compulsories, Witnesses may be required to produce papers.

"19. In any Compulsory requiring the attendance of Witnesses, it shall be competent to insert a clause (where applied for) requiring any Witness or Witnesses to produce any paper, book, or document that may be considered material to the interest of the cause.

Notice as to documents to be produced at hearing.

"20. In all cases where documents or papers in possession of either party are required to be produced at the hearing of the cause, a notice shall be left in the Registry, signed by the Proctor of the party, requiring their production three days, at least, before the hearing of the cause.

Articles to be shortened.

"21. Articles, Libels, Petitions, or Pleas shall be headed in the Form annexed hereto, and shall shortly set forth or plead the several facts necessary to substantiate the Charge or Defence.

In proceedings against Clerks not

"22. In proceedings against Clerks in Holy Orders, it shall not be necessary to exhibit and annex their Letters of Orders, Act on

Institution, or Licence, as the case may be, and in giving a general necessary to issue the Defendant shall be held to admit the same.

plead Orders, Institution,

"23. In the event of an Appeal from any Decree or Order made &c. by the Judge, such Appeal must be asserted either at the time of Appeal to be such Decree or Order being made, or by notice left in the Registry prosecuted within one within fifteen days from the time of such Decree or Order, and the month; said Appeal must be duly prosecuted within one month from the date of such Appeal being so asserted.

continue.

"24. If no such Appeal be prosecuted within the time limited otherwise proby the preceding Rule, the proceedings shall be continued, or the ceedings to Decree of the Court carried into effect, as if there had been no Appeal, unless notice be previously lodged in the Registry that the Proctor asserting the Appeal intends to make special application to the Judge for an extension of time, which application may be made in Chambers.

"25. When either of the parties is condemned in costs, the Bill of Costs Proctor shall lodge his Bill of Costs in the Registry, and deliver a copy thereof to the other Proctor within fourteen days from the day of the Decree.

to be lodged within fourteen days.

"26. The Registrar shall give notice to both Proctors of the time Notice as to appointed for taxing the said Bill, and may proceed to do so (after time of such notice) in the absence of the Proctor of the party condemned in costs, and on the completion of such taxation shall enter in the Notice Book his report of the amount to be allowed in respect of such costs.

Taxation.

"27. If either of the Proctors object to such taxation, notice If Registrar's thereof shall be left in the Registry within ten days from the day of such Taxation, and the same shall thereupon be referred to the notice within Judge, who may hear and determine on such objection in Chambers, but if no such notice be left, the Registrar's Taxation shall be conclusive.

Taxation objected to, ten days.

"28. If the Proctor whose Bill of Costs has been taxed requires a Monition to enforce the payment thereof, he shall lodge a written application in the Registry, and leave a copy thereof with the other Proctor within fourteen days from the time of the Registrar's Taxation or Judge's decision thereon, as the case may be.

Monition within fourteen days.

"29. If a Proctor wishes to apply to have a party pronounced Special Notice in Contempt for not having obeyed any Decree, Citation, Monition, for Contempt. Inhibition, Compulsory, or other Order of the Court, he shall leave

a Notice in the Registry containing full particulars of such intended application, and whether any and what notice thereof has been given to such party, and the date thereof.

Where party appears in person, Rules to apply. "30. In case of a party appearing in person in any suit, either as Promoter or Defendant, the foregoing Rules and Regulations shall be applicable to, and observed by, such party as far as circumstances will permit.

Forms of Notices dated and signed.

"31. All Notices, Declarations, &c., required by the foregoing Rules to be given by Proctors shall be so given in Forms to be approved of by the Judge, and shall bear date on the day on which they are left in the Registry, and shall be signed by the Proctor or his Substitute, and copies or duplicates of such Notices, &c., shall be given, on the day they are so dated and left in the Registry, to the other Proctor in the cause.

Judge may shorten or extend time. "32. It shall be competent to the Judge, on application in Chambers, supported by Affidavits, if necessary, to shorten or extend the times fixed by the foregoing or subsequent Rules.

Notices to be entered in a book.

"33. The Registrar will enter in a book to be kept for that purpose the dates when the several Papers, Notices, &c., are filed, and the other proceedings taken, and report to the Judge in case of any delay or non-compliance with these Orders, who shall thereupon make such Orders for expediting the proceedings as he may see fit.

Orders not to be enforced from 15th August to 15th October. Rules to apply to Petitions. "34. The foregoing Orders will not be enforced from 15th August to 15th October.

Notices and Forms to be followed. "35. The foregoing Rules and Regulations shall be observed, as far as practicable, where the proceedings are by Petition and Affidavits.

"36. The Notices and Forms annexed to these Rules and Regulations shall be followed as near as the circumstances of each case will permit."

# RULES OF THE CHANCERY COURT OF YORK

of September, 1885.

Whereas by an Act passed in the Session of Parliament held in the third and fourth years of her Majesty Queen Victoria, intituled an "Act for the better enforcing Church Discipline," it is amongst other things enacted that in proceedings taken under the authority of the Act the bishop may, if he shall think fit, send the case by letters of request to the Court of Appeal of the province, to be there heard and determined according to the law and practice of such Court: "Provided always, that the judge of the said Court may, and he is hereby authorized and empowered, from time to time to make any Order or Orders of Court for the purpose of expediting such suits or otherwise improving the practice of the said Court." And whereas it appears to me, the Right Honourable James Plaisted, Baron Penzance, the duly constituted judge of the Provincial Court of Appeal for the Province of York, that the practice of the said Court would be improved and suits expedited if the under-written orders were made and applied in all suits sent by the bishop to the said Court by letters of request, whether such suits be commenced in future or be already commenced in the said Court, I, the Right Honourable James Plaisted, Baron Penzance, as such judge as aforesaid, and by authority of the said statute and of all or any other powers me thereto enabling, do make the Order or Orders following:-

1. In case of alleged disobedience to any monition issued by the said Court, the party complaining thereof, or his proctor or solicitor, shall serve upon the defendant or respondent personally (or by any form of substituted service which shall have been specially ordered by the Court upon cause shown) a statement in writing of the particular facts or conduct of the defendant or respondent, which are charged as constituting disobedience to the monition, with positive averments of time and place, and shall add thereto a notice in writing to the defendant or respondent that on the court day which shall happen next after the expiration of fourteen clear days from

the time of such service he will apply to the Court to enforce obedience to the monition.

- 2. Such statement and notice shall be accompanied with copies of one or more affidavits in proof of the same, and a copy of such statement and affidavits, together with an affidavit certifying that the same have been duly served on the defendant or respondent, shall be deposited by the said party complaining in the registry of the Court.
- 3. If the defendant or respondent desires to contest such application as aforesaid, he must tender to the Court on the said court day a statement in writing of the facts, if any, which he disputes, together with an affidavit or affidavits in support of such dispute, and the grounds, if any, upon which he opposes the making of any order for enforcing obedience as aforesaid, and prepare and give a copy thereof to the party complaining, his proctor or solicitor. If the defendant or respondent has not previously appeared in the suit, he must enter an appearance in the suit either personally or by his proctor or solicitor in the usual way, before such statement aforesaid can be received by the Court, and he can be allowed to contest the making of any such order as aforesaid.
- 4. The judge, after considering the statement and affidavits of the party complaining, and the counter-statement, if any, of the respondent or defendant, will make, or his surrogate acting under his directions will make, such order as may be needful, if any, for the determination of any matters of law or fact which have been raised and which in the opinion of the judge require to be determined, or in the absence of any such matters will dispose of the case as justice and the law and practice of the Court may require.
- 5. In case of alleged disobedience to any decree or order of suspension made or issued by the Court, a course similar to the foregoing is to be followed.
- 6. The above Rules and Orders shall not apply to the case of any disobedience occurring before the issuing or making thereof.
- 7. In respect of any matter not provided for by these Rules or Orders, or in case of any difficulty arising with regard to the application or interpretation thereof, application must be made to the Court.

Dated this twenty-fourth day of September, 1885.

PENZANCE.

# RULES OF THE CHANCERY COURT OF YORK of May, 1886.

WHEREAS, by an Act passed in the session of Parliament held in the third and fourth years of her Majesty Queen Victoria, intituled an "Act for the better enforcing Church Discipline," it is amongst other things enacted that in proceedings taken under the authority of the Act the bishop may, if he shall think fit, send the case by letters of request to the Court of Appeal of the province, to be there heard and determined according to the law and practice of such Court: "Provided always, that the judge of the said Court may, and he is hereby authorised and empowered, from time to time to make any Order or Orders of Court for the purpose of expediting such suits or otherwise improving the practice of the said Court." And whereas it appears to me, the Right Honourable James Plaisted, Baron Penzance, the duly constituted judge of the Provincial Court of Appeal for the Province of York, that the practice of the said Court would be improved and suits expedited if the under-written Orders were made and applied in all suits sent by the bishop to the said Court by letters of request, whether such suits be commenced in future or be already commenced in the said Court.

And whereas, by the Public Worship Regulation Act it was provided that the office of Official Principal in the two Provinces of Canterbury and York respectively should be held by the same judge, and in all proceedings taken under that Act provision was made for the holding of sittings for the trial of cases arising in the Northern Province at London or Westminster, and it is desirable and convenient to extend so far as may be a similar practice to all other cases arising in the Northern Province, I, the Right Honourable James Plaisted, Baron Penzance, as such judge as aforesaid, and by authority of the said statute and of all and any other powers me thereto enabling, do make the Order or Orders following:—

1. That from and after the making of this Order, in all suits now pending or in future to be instituted in the Chancery Court of York, all hearings of causes involving only the discussion of legal questions or questions of fact arising on affidavits or other written testimony, and the argument of all points of law and interlocutory applications, to the Court or Judge, shall, if so directed by the judge, take place in London, including Westminster, at such time and place as the judge shall appoint, but that all judgments shall be delivered, and all sentences pronounced, and all final orders and decrees of the Court, including interlocutory decrees having the force and effect of a definitive sentence, in writing, and all decrees or orders whatsoever for the infliction of ecclesiastical censure or the signifying of disobedience to the Court of Chancery, shall be pronounced, made, and issued in the Court at York in manner and form as heretofore accustomed.

2. In respect of any matter not provided for by these Rules or Orders, or in case of any difficulty or question arising with regard to the application or interpretation thereof, the judge will on application made to him make such order as may be required.

Dated this twenty-seventh day of May, 1886.

PENZANCE.

# ENACTMENTS REFERRED TO.

CHURCH DISCIPLINE ACT, 1840.

3 & 4 Viet. c. 86.

#### Section Two.

Unless it shall otherwise appear from the context, the term Definition of "preferment," when used in this Act, shall be construed to comprehend every deanery, archdeaconry, prebend, canonry, office of ment, minor canon, priest vicar, or vicar choral in holy orders, and every precentorship, treasurership, sub-deanery, chancellorship of the church, and other dignity and office in any cathedral or collegiate church, and every mastership, wardenship and fellowship in any collegiate church, and all benefices with cure of souls, comprehending therein all parishes, perpetual curacies, donatives, endowed public chapels, parochial chapelries, and chapelries or districts belonging to or reputed to belong, or annexed or reputed to be annexed, to any church or chanel, and every curacy, lectureship, readership, chaplaincy, office, or place which requires the discharge of any spiritual duty, and whether the same be or be not within any exempt or peculiar jurisdiction; and the word "bishop," when used in this Act, shall be construed to comprehend "archbishop"; and the word "diocese," when used in this Act, shall be construed to comprehend all places to which the jurisdiction of any bishop extends under and for the purposes of an Act passed in the second year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act to 1 & 2 Vict. abridge the holding of benefices in plurality, and to make better c. 106. provision for the residence of the clergy."

the terms 'prefer-"bishop," " archbishop," and "diocese."

#### Section Six.

In all cases where proceedings shall have been commenced under Bishop may this Act against any such clerk it shall be lawful for the bishop of pronounce sentence, by

out further proceedings.

consent, with- any diocese within which such clerk may hold any preferment, with the consent of such clerk and of the party complaining (if any), first obtained in writing, to pronounce, without any further proceedings, such sentence as the said bishop shall think fit, not exceeding the sentence which might be pronounced in due course of law; and all such sentences shall be good and effectual in law as if pronounced after a hearing according to the provisions of this Act, and may be enforced by the like means.

#### Section Fourteen.

Bishop empowered to inhibit party accused from performing services of the church, &c.

In every case in which, from the nature of the offence charged, it shall appear to any bishop within whose diocese the party accused may hold any preferment that great scandal is likely to arise from the party accused continuing to perform the services of the church while such charge is under investigation, or that his ministration will be useless while such charge is pending, it shall be lawful for the bishop to cause a notice to be served on such party at the same time with the service of a copy of the articles aforesaid, or at any time pending any proceedings before the bishop or in any ecclesiastical court, inhibiting the said party from performing any services of the church within such diocese from and after the expiration of fourteen days from the service of such notice, and until sentence shall have been given in the said cause: Provided that it shall be lawful for such party, being the incumbent of a benefice, within fourteen days after the service of the said notice, to nominate to the bishop any fit person or persons to perform all such services of the church during the period in which such party shall be so inhibited as aforesaid; and if the bishop shall deem the person or persons so nominated fit for the performance of such services he shall grant his licence to him or them accordingly, or in case a fit person shall not be nominated the bishop shall make such provision for the service of the church as to him shall seem necessary; and in all such cases it shall be lawful for the bishop to assign such stipend, not exceeding the stipend required by law for the curacy of the church belonging to the said party, nor exceeding a moiety of the net annual income of the benefice, as the said bishop may think fit, and to provide for the payment of such stipend, if necessary, by sequestration of the living: Provided also, that it shall be lawful for the said bishop at any time to revoke such inhibition and licence respectively.

# Section Eighteen.

Every witness who shall be examined in pursuance of this Act Witnesses to shall give his or her evidence upon oath, or upon solemn affirmation in cases where an affirmation is allowed by law instead of an to be liable oath, which oath or affirmation respectively shall be administered to punishment by the judge of the court or his surrogate, or by the assessor of the bishop, or by a commissioner; and every such witness who shall wilfully swear or affirm falsely shall be deemed guilty of perjury.

be examined on oath, and for perjury.

# Section Twenty-two.

Every archbishop and bishop within the limit of whose province Power of or diocese respectively any place, district, or preferment, exempt archbishops or peculiar, shall be locally situate shall, except as herein otherwise as to exempt provided, have, use, and exercise all the powers and authorities or peculiar necessary for the due execution by them respectively of the pro- preferments. visions and purposes of this Act, and for enforcing the same with regard thereto respectively, as such archbishop and bishop respectively would have used and exercised if the same were not exempt or peculiar, but were subject in all respects to the jurisdiction of such archbishop or bishop; and where any place, district, or preferment, exempt or peculiar, shall be locally situate within the limits of more than one province or diocese, or where same, or any of them, shall be locally situate between the limits of the two provinces, or between the limits of any two or more dioceses, the archbishop or bishop of the cathedral church to whose province or diocese the cathedral, collegiate, or other church or chapel of the place, district, or preferment respectively shall be nearest in local situation, shall have, use, and exercise all the powers and authorities which are necessary for the due execution of the provisions of this Act, and enforcing the same with regard thereto respectively, as such archbishop or bishop could have used if the same were not exempt or peculiar, but were subject in all respects to the jurisdiction of such archbishop or bishop respectively, and the same, for all the purposes of this Act, shall be deemed and taken

and bishops

to be within the limits of the province or diocese of such archbishop or bishop; provided that the peculiars belonging to any archbishoprick or bishoprick, though locally situate in another diocese, shall continue subject to the archbishop or bishop to whom they belong, as well for the purposes of this Act as for all other purposes of ecclesiastical jurisdiction.

# Section Twenty-five.

Saving of archbishop and bishop's powers.

Nothing in this Act contained shall be construed to affect any authority over the clergy of their respective provinces or dioceses which the archbishops or bishops of England and Wales may now according to law exercise personally and without process in court; and that nothing herein contained shall extend to Ireland.

#### ECCLESIASTICAL FEES.

Order of the Privy Council, approving Table of Ecclesiastical Fees and Payments, of 10th December, 1895.

FEES to be taken in respect of Presentation, Nomination, Collation, Institution, Installation, Induction, or License, or any Instrument, matter, or thing connected with the admission of any Spiritual Person to any Cathedral Preference or Benefice throughout England and Wales, by any Officer, Secretary, Clerk, or Minister to whom belong the duties of preparing, sealing, transacting, or doing of any such Instruments, matters, or things, and costs of any Secretary of a Bishop and any Registrar of a Diocese under the Incumbents Resignation Act, 1871 (34 & 35 Vict. c. 44), ordained and established pursuant to the provisions of 1 & 2 Vict. c. 106, s. 131.

		Vicar-General or Chan- cellor.	Dominton on other Office	by usage performing	duty.	1	Secretary of Archbishop	or Distrop.	A	* Apparitor.	Coolor	* Dealet		* Record Keeper.	
1	Presentation to a bene- ) When the instrument (	s. d.	£	8.	d.	£	8.	d.	8.	d.	8.	d.	£	8.	$\overline{d}$ .
7	fice.	•••				2	2	0						•••	
2	Nomination to a per- petual curacy.	***		1	1 1 0										
3	Collation to a canonry (not honorary)	16 8	2	2	4	1	4	0	3	6	4	6	0	4	6
4 5	Collation to a benefice	16 8	1	1	0	2	2	0	3	6	4	6	0	4	6
6	Institution to a benefice	16 8	2	2	4	4	4	0	3	6	4	6	0	2	6
7 8	Licence to a perpetual curacy	9 4	1	15	8	2	2	0		• •	1	0	1	1	U
9	Archbishop's secretary for flat	•••		•••		1	1	0	**	• •	• •			•••	
10	Bishop's secretary, for obtaining certificate of value, population, &c., and passing the dis-														
	pensation through the offices (including the														
11	fees, 1l. 12s. 6d.) to the Faculty Office Resignation, instrument of, when prepared by	***		•••		3	14	6			**	•		•••	
	convotany					1	1	0			••				
12 13	Commission for institution When issued				1	1 1 0									
14	Resignation under Incumbents Resignation														
	Acts (payable in moieties by the outgoing and incoming incumbents)	•••	0	5	0	10	0	0		.				•••	
		•••	0	5	0	10	0	0						•••	

<sup>\*</sup> The fees payable under these heads will, subject to vested interests, cease to be payable.

-	_	Arch. deacon's Official.	Arch- deacon's Registrar.	Apparitor.	Record Keeper.	Sealer.		
15	Induction to a benefice consist- ing of one parish, or of two or more united parishes.	f. s. d. 0 10 0	£ s. d. 0 13 0	£ s. d. 0 1 0	£ s. d. 0 2 6	£ s, d. 0 1 0		

<sup>\*</sup> The fees payable under these heads will, subject to vested interests, cease to be payable.

_	_	De	mm ary an api	of and	Registrar of Dean and Chapter or other Officer by usage performing the duty.			Apparitor.			Sealer.			
16	Installation to a deanery		s. 1		£ 8	<i>8</i> .	<i>d</i> . 0	£	s. 10	$_{0}^{d}$	£		<i>d</i> .	
17	Installation to a canonry or archdeaconry	1	1	0	4	4	0	0	10	0	0	5	0	
18	Induction to honorary canonry or pre-				1	1	0		***		0	2	6	
19	bend. Collation to minor canonry	0	10	6	2	2	0		***		0	2	6	
20	Presentation to a benefice, in gift of dean and chapter, if prepared by registrar.				2	2	0							
21	and chapter, if prepared by registrar.  Nomination to a perpetual curacy, in gift of dean and chapter, if prepared by registrar.		•••		1	1	0		•••			•••		

The fees include postages, telegrams, carriage and transmission of documents, office expenses, stationers' charges, and all other similar disbursements.

#### Collation.

The secretary's fee for collation includes all charges for correspondence with the clerk to be collated, for all searches in the registry, for all communications with the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, for examining the letters of orders and letters testimonial, for all communications with the registrar of the diocese, for the entry of the collation in the bishop's act book and obtaining the seal of the bishop to the instruments connected with the collation in all cases where the same are sealed with such seal, and the return to the Judges of the Queen's Bench Division of Her Majesty's High Court of Justice when made by the bishop.

The fee of the registrar, or other officer by usage performing the duty, includes all charges for preparing the sentence of collation for preparing the certificate of subscription to the 39 Articles, and all other necessary certificates, declarations, and instruments, for attending on the bishop when the collation takes place, and the necessary oaths and declarations are made, taken, and subscribed, for entering the collation in the register books of the diocese, and for preparing letters, testimonials, and the mandate of induction addressed to the archdeacon, and obtaining the seal of the vicar-general to those instruments in all cases where the same are sealed with such seal, and the return to the Judges of the Queen's Bench Division of Her Majesty's High Court of Justice, when not made by the bishop himself.

#### Institution.

The secretary's fee includes all charges for correspondence with the presentee for examining the deed of presentation, the letters of orders and letters testimonial, for all communications with the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, for preparing the bishop's fiat or his commission when the latter is issued, for all communications with the registrar of the diocese, for the entry in the bishop's act book and obtaining the seal of the bishop to the instruments connected with the institution in all cases where the same are sealed with such seal, and the return to the Judges of the Queen's Bench Division of Her Majesty's High Court of Justice when made by the bishop.

The fee of the registrar or other officer by usage performing the duty includes all charges for preparing the instrument of institution, for preparing the certificate of subscription to the 39 Articles, and all other necessary certificates, declarations, and instruments for attending on the bishop or his vicar-general when the institution takes place and the necessary oaths and declarations are made, taken, and subscribed, for drawing a notarial act of the proceedings and entering the same in the register book of the diocese, for preparing the letters testimonial and the mandate of induction to the archdeacon, and obtaining the seal of the vicar-general to the several instruments in all cases where the same are sealed with such seal, and making the return to the Judges of the Queen's Bench Division of Her Majesty's High Court of Justice, when not made by the bishop himself.

# Licences to Perpetual Curacies.

The secretary's fee includes all charges for correspondence with the clerk to be licensed, for examining the nomination, the letters of orders and letters testimonial, for preparing the bishop's fiat or his commission when issued, for all communications with the registrar of the diocese, for the entry in the bishop's act book and obtaining the seal of the bishop to the instruments connected with the licence in all cases where the same are sealed with such seal, and the return to the Judges of the Queen's Bench Division of Her Majesty's High Court of Justice, when made by the bishop.

The fee of the registrar, or other officer by usage performing the duty, includes all charges for preparing the license, for preparing the certificate of subscription to the 39 Articles, and all other necessary certificates, declarations, and instruments, for attending on the bishop or his vicar-general when the necessary oaths and declarations are made, taken, and subscribed, and for entering the license in the register book of the diocese, and obtaining the vicar-general's seal in all cases where the instruments connected with the license are scaled with such seal, and making the return to the Judges of the Queen's Bench Division of Her Majesty's High Court of Justice, when not made by the bishop himself.

# Installation and Induction to Cathedral Preferment.

The fee of the registrar, or other officer by usage performing the duty, includes all charges for preparing and engrossing all necessary instruments and certificates, for entering the several chapter acts and schedules for attendances, and for registering the whole proceedings in the chapter book.

TABLE OF FEES AND PAYMENTS to be made to Chancellors or Vicars-General, Registrars, Secretaries, and other Officers, on the Consecration of Churches, Chapels, Cemeteries, and Burial Grounds on and incidental to the Grant of Faculties, and on the Ordination of Deacons and Priests, and to the Chancellors or Vicars-General, Registrars, and other Officers of Archbishops and Bishops, and to Archbeacons and their Officials and other Officers, on the Visitation of such Archbishops and Bishops and Archbeacons respectively, settled pursuant to the provisions of the Act 30 § 31 Vict. c. 135.

_		Vicar- General, Chancellor, Archdeacon, or Official.	Registrar or other Officer by usage performing the Duty.	Secretary of Archbishop or Bishop.	Apparitor.		
1	Consecration of a church and burial ground.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		
	or a church without a burial ground	3 3 0	7 7 0	1 1 0	1 1 0		
2	Consecration of a cemetery or burial ground	2 2 0	6 6 0	1 1 0	1 1 0		
3	Episcopal or archidiaconal visitation	0 2 0	0 12 6	***	0 3 6		
4	Faculty (if unopposed) for minor alterations to be enumerated by the chancellor of the diocese, or for the removal of glebe buildings	1 1 0	1 1 0		000		
5	Faculty for other alterations in churches and churchyards	1 1 0	3 13 6	***	0 10 6		
6	Ordination	800	0 5 0	2 2 0	***		

The fees include postages, telegrams, carriage and transmission of documents, office expenses, stationers' charges, and all other similar disbursements.

1 and 2. The chancellor's fee includes the approval of plans, the perusal of the petition and other papers, the settling the sentence, and the approval of the draft Act. The registrar's fee includes the perusal of the deeds of conveyance, the drawing and engrossing of the petition, and the sentence and the notarial act, the necessary attendance at the consecration, and the registering the deeds and the Act in the register book in the diocese. The secretary's fee includes the inspection of plans and correspondence prior to the papers being sent to the registry. The apparitor's fee includes all necessary citations and attendance on the bishop at the consecration.

3. The chancellor's fee includes the attendance of the chancellor or his surrogate, the examination of the presentments of the outgoing churchwardens, and the admission of the new churchwardens to office. The registrar's fee includes the drawing and issuing of the inhibition and of the mandate for the citation of the clergy, the preparation of the visitation books and of the articles of inquiry and the presentment papers, the attendance at the visitation and attesting the presentments and declarations of the churchwardens, the registering the papers exhibited by the clergy, the tabulating in the registry the copies of the register books of baptism and burials, and other papers required to be annually transmitted. The apparitor's fee includes the preparation and delivery of the citations to the clergy and churchwardens, and the attendance at the visitation.

4 and 5. The chancellor's fee includes the perusal of the petition, the order for the notice or citation, as the case may be, the perusal of the certificate and other papers, and making the decree. The registrar's fee includes the perusal of the minutes of the vestry and the petition, the drawing of the notice or citation and other necessary documents and attending the chancellor for his order, the preparation of the certificate and attendance on the chancellor for his decree, and the drawing and signing the faculty. The apparitor's fee includes the service of the notice or citation, but is exclusive of one shilling a mile for travelling expenses, if the citation is to be personally served in the country.

6. The registrar's fee is for registering the names and titles of the candidates in the register books of the diocese. The secretary's fee is for correspondence with the candidates, the drawing of papers and instructions prior to examination, attendance at the ordination, preparing the letters of orders and other necessary documents, and entering the names and titles of the candidates in the bishop's act book.

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